

15th World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA) *The New World of Work, Organisations & Employment*

Monday 24 – Thursday 27 August 2009
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Sydney, Australia

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Hon. Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Minister for Education and Minister for Social Inclusion

Dr Juan Somavia, Director General, International Labour Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland

Heather Ridout, Chief Executive, Australian Industry Group (AiG)

Jeff Lawrence, Secretary, Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)

OPENING DAY ACTIVITIES - MONDAY 24 AUGUST

FORUM ON THE WORLD FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

This forum will provide international perspectives on the World Financial Crisis by experts from North America, Europe, Asia and Latin America. A discussion will also include employer and trade union representatives on the implications of the crisis for sustainability and employment relations in Australia and the rest of the world. Please note: this forum is only open to delegates registered for the IIRA World Congress.

Session 1: 9.00am - 10.30am - International Perspectives on the Global Financial Crisis

Chair: Nick Wailes, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney

- **A North American Perspective**
Thomas Kochan, Professor, Sloan School of Management, MIT, Boston, USA and adviser to President Barack Obama
- **A European Perspective**
Raymond Torres, Director, International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO, Geneva and former OECD senior economist
- **An Asian Perspective**
Wonduck Lee, Senior Economic Adviser to Samsung Corporation, former Director of the Korea Labor Institute and Senior Adviser to the President of the Republic of Korea

- **A Latin American Perspective**

Helio Zylberstajn, Professor, School of Economics and Business, University of Sao Paulo Brazil and President IBRET

Session 2: 11.00am – 12.30pm - **Implications for Sustainability and Employment Relations**

Chair: John Buchanan, Director, Workplace Research Centre, University of Sydney

- Sharan Burrow, President, Australian Council of Trade Unions and President, International Trade Union Confederation
- Heather Ridout, Chief Executive, Australian Industry Group
- Duncan Campbell, Director, Economics and Labour Market Analysis, International Labour Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland

FORUM ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

This will be an opportunity for delegates to receive a comprehensive briefing on current developments in industrial relations and human resource management in Australia from leading academics and practitioners. The briefing is only open to delegates registered for the IIRA World Congress.

Chair: Suzanne Jamieson, Associate Professor, Work and Organisational Studies, University of Sydney

Session 1: 1.30pm – 3.00pm

- Ron McCallum, Blake Dawson Waldron Professor of Labour Law, University of Sydney
- Peter Anderson, Chief Executive, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Sharan Burrow, President, Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Mark Lennon, Secretary, Unions New South Wales

Session 2: 3.30pm – 5.00pm

- Peter Wilson, President, Australian Human Resources Institute
- Sue Bussell, Director of Industrial Relations, Qantas Airways Limited
- Katy McDonald, Head of Employment Relations, Diversity and Equity, Westpac Banking Corporation

Study Group Meetings

The following IIRA Study Groups will be holding meetings on Monday 24 August, the opening day of the World Congress. For more details, please contact the Convenors directly. Please note that participation in the Study Group meetings is only open to delegates registered for the IIRA World Congress.

1. Industrial Relations as a Field and IR Theory

Convenors:

Bruce Kaufman bkaufman@gsu.edu

John Kelly j.kelly@lse.ac.uk

Peter Ackers P.B.Ackers@lboro.ac.uk

2. Gender and IR

Convenors:

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Gill Kirton g.kirton@qmul.ac.uk

3. Equality in Pay and Employment

Convenors:

Harish Jain jainhar@mcmaster.ca

Janice Bellace bellace@wharton.upenn.edu

4. Workers' Participation

Convenor:

Ray Markey ray.markey@aut.ac.nz

5. Public Policy and IR

Convenors:

Serafino Negrelli negrelli@eco.unibs.it

Anil Verma Verma@Rotman.Utoronto.Ca

6. Flexible Work Patterns

Convenors:

Clare Kelliher clare.kelliher@cranfield.ac.uk

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Christine Edwards c.edwards@kingston.ac.uk

7. The Future of Trade Unionism

Convenor:

Timo Kauppinen Timo.Kauppinen@eurofound.europa.eu

8. The Theory and Practice of Negotiations

Convenor:

Edward Herman edward.herman@uc.edu

9. Human Resource Management

Convenor:

Stefan Zagelmeyer s.zagelmeyer@fh-bad-honnef.de:

10. Research Methods in IR

Convenors:

Diana Kelly di_kelly@uow.edu.au

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11. IR in the Public Sector

Convenors:

Stephen Bach Stephen.bach@kcl.ac.uk;

Lorenzo Bordogna lorenzo.bordogna@unimi.it

12. The Comparative IR and Teaching Society (CIRRTS)

Convenors:

Roy J. Adams adamsr@mcmaster.ca;

John Logan J.Logan@lse.ac.uk

13. IR in Countries in Transition from Centrally-Planned to Market Economies

Convenor:

Darko Marinkovic dmarinkovic@megatrend-edu.net

14. Labour Market Regulations - rationales, indicators and impacts

Convenor:

Sangheon Lee lees@ilo.org

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Papers accepted for presentation

Full versions of the papers accepted for presentation must be submitted electronically via the IIRA 2009 website www.iceaustralia.com/IIRA2009

Details about the formatting of papers, including length, are outlined on the website.

Please note: Full Papers & Registration must be submitted by **May 1 2009** to be listed in the main program and appear in the Congress proceedings.

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IMPORTANT DATES

IIRA World Congress Important Dates

Early Bird Registration Deadline	Tuesday 31 March 2009
Submission of communication abstracts (electronic)	Wednesday 1 April 2009
All presenters to have submitted full papers for inclusion in final program	Friday 1 May 2009
Last date for receipt of registration	Monday 10 August 2009

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