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9:00 – 9:30 OPENING

9:30 – 10:15 PANEL 1 *Variations in Strategies to Link Labour Rights and FTAs: Getting the right signals!*

CHAIR **Sylvia Ostry** (University of Toronto)

PRESENTATION **Susan Aaronson** (George Washington University) AND **Michèle Rioux** (UQAM), “Introduction of comparative templates”

DISCUSSANTS **Philippe Pochet** (ETUI-REHS), **Carol Pier** (Human Rights Watch), **Pierre Bouchard** (Government of Canada), **Thea Lee** (AFL-CIO), **Dalil Maschino** (Government of Québec)

10:30 – 12:15 PANEL 2 *The Role of International Organisations in the Trade-Labour Nexus*

CHAIR **Richard Feinberg** (UC San Diego)

PRESENTATIONS **Maryse Robert** (OAS), **Joost Pauwelyn** (GIIDS), “What would the WTO say about linking trade to labor standards?: The example of social sustainability criteria for biofuels”; **Errol Mendes** (University of Ottawa), “World Trade: For Whose Benefit? Promoting the Link Between Trade and Labour Standards at the World Trade Organization”; **James Howard** (ITUC), “The perspective of the international labour movement on linkage between trade and the respect and promotion of labour standards”; **Dorval Brunelle** (UQAM), “Une évaluation critique de la contractualisation du droit du travail”

DISCUSSANT **Gilles Trudeau** (Université de Montréal), **Jean-Jacques Elmiger** (Government of Switzerland)

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12:30 – 14:00 LUNCHEON **Bernard Landry**, Former Premier of Québec

This is a paying event (\$50).

As seating is limited, please register in advance at Lyne Tessier tessier.lyne@uqam.ca

14:00 – 15:30 PANEL 3 ***Variations in Strategies to Link Labour Rights and FTAs: A Comparative Look at What Countries and Regions Negotiate.***

CHAIR **Pierre Verge** (Université Laval)

PRESENTATIONS **Pierre Bouchard** (Canada), **Ditte Juul Joergensen** (European Commission), **Lewis Karesh** (USA), **Michael Hobby** (New Zealand), **Thoralf Stenvold** (Norway)

DISCUSSANTS **Errol Mendes** (University of Ottawa), **Adelle Blackett** (McGill University), **Kevin Middlebrook** (University of London)

15:45 – 16:15 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION **Richard Feinberg**, UC San Diego, ***“US Trade Policy, 2008 Elections, and Future Challenges”***

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16:15 – 18:00 PANEL 4 ***Do FTAs Improve Labour Rights in the South?***

CHAIR **Kevin Middlebrook** (University of London)

PRESENTATIONS **Juan Carlos Bossio** (GLG Project), “La régulation du travail dans les Accords de Libre Échange (ALE) Andins”; **Ilan Bizberg** (Colégio de México), “L’insécurité au travail au Mexique”; **Bill Taylor** (City University of Hong Kong)

DISCUSSANTS **Ann Weston** (North-South Institute), **David Cingranelli** (Binghamton University), **João Paulo Vega** (University of Sao Paulo), **Guy Zounguere-Sokambi** (Government of the Central African Republic), **Kevin Thomas** (Maquila Solidarity Network)



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8:45 – 10:15 PANEL 5 *Closing the Gaps: Complementary National Measures in the North and South*

CHAIR **Armand Pereira** (ILO)

PRESENTATIONS **Howard Rosen** (Peterson Institute), “Should there be a link between Trade Policy and Domestic Adjustments?,” **Jonathan Jacoby** (Center for American Progress), “A New US Approach to International Economic Policy: The Virtuous Circle and the Decent Work Agenda,” **Scott Martin** (The New School / Columbia University)

DISCUSSANTS **Philippe Pochet** (ETUI-REHS), **Regina Abrami** (Harvard Business School)

10:30 – 12:00 PANEL 6 *Closing the gaps: Engaging the Private Sector and Non Governmental Actors to Improve Labour Norms Through FTAs' Strategies?*

CHAIR **Dorval Brunelle** (UQAM)

PRESENTATIONS **Jacques Létourneau** (CSN), **Kevin Kolben** (Rutgers University), “Incorporating Private Regulatory Strategies into Trade and Labor Regimes,” **Stephanie Luce** (University of Massachusetts), **Stanley Byers** (Global Fairness Initiative)

DISCUSSANTS **Gregor Murray** (Université de Montréal), **Claude Rioux**, **Thea Lee** (AFL-CIO), **Pierre Laliberté** (FTQ)

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12:00 – 14:00 LUNCHEON Richard Samans, World Economic Forum
“The Globalization Challenge: Reconciling Free Markets and Broad Social Progress Across Developed and Developing Countries”

This is a paying event (\$60) organized by the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations. It will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, at walking distance from the Conference venue. As seating is limited, please register in advance at www.corim.qc.ca

14:00 – 16:45 ROUNDTABLE *Further Developments of Trade-Labour Nexus (What’s Next?)*

CHAIRS Susan Aaronson (George Washington University) and **Michèle Rioux** (UQAM)

PRESENTATIONS (First Round) Robert O’Brien (McMaster University), **Carol Pier** (Human Rights Watch), “Beyond the New Trade Policy Template: Next Steps for Workers’ Rights in U.S. Free Trade Accords”; **Mark Levinson** (UNITE-HERE)

DISCUSSANTS Pierre Verge (Université Laval), **Philippe Pochet** (ETUI-REHS), **Joost Pauwelyn** (GIIDS)

PRESENTATIONS (Second Round) David Cingranelli (Binghamton University), **Marley Weiss** (Maryland School of Law), “Ruminations on the Past, Present and Future of International Labor Standards: Empowering Law in the Brave New Economic World”; **Dalil Maschino** (Government of Québec)

DISCUSSANTS Pierre Verge (Université Laval), **Regina M. Abrami** (Harvard Business School), **Richard Feinberg** (UC San Diego)

16:45 CLOSING REMARKS Christian Deblock (UQAM)