

## Guidelines for submissions to the Global Labour Column

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### What is the GLC?

The Global Labour Column (GLC) is a collaboration between the Global Labour University (GLU)<sup>1</sup> and the Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP) at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. It is edited by Nicolas Pons-Vignon and Mbuso Nkosi with the support of Johannes Machinery.

The GLC was established in 2009 to reflect on the challenges to and responses by the labour movement in the wake of the global economic crisis. Over time, its scope has broadened to encompass a wide range of issues relevant to labour. Issues covered have included strike action in the South African public sector and in Chinese automotive factories, economic and social policy debates, movements contesting austerity policies or critical discussions of corporate initiatives to protect labour rights. The GLC, which now has over 15,000 monthly readers<sup>2</sup>, provides a forum for unions, academics and other progressive voices around the world to debate and share knowledge and experiences.

We seek original contributions which are informative, analytical and useful for labour activists and researchers. They should stimulate debate and be short (1500 words maximum) but with high quality and critical content. They should be free from academic or overly technical jargon. The preferred style of referencing is the Harvard system (see below for some examples). We encourage authors to use English (UK) and use a maximum of 8 references, with a maximum of 3 footnotes. We therefore seek contributions along the lines of opinion pieces, journalistic summaries of academic papers, commentary on government responses to current issues, as well as on unfolding struggles and debates within specific national contexts and regarding global labour issues. When contributions draw from existing work (e.g. a book or journal article), they should distil the key message from it and not be presented as a summary. Articles focused on a particular national issue should be contextualised sufficiently to be followed by readers with no knowledge of the country.

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<sup>1</sup> The GLU is a network of universities, trade unions, labour foundations and the ILO offering unique masters programmes to trade unionists around the world (Brazil, South Africa, India, Germany and the US). These courses are jointly developed by universities and workers' organisations and are aimed at students from trade union and social movement backgrounds in developed, developing and transition economies. GLU aims to bring together and inform labour activists to address the challenges of achieving sustainable development, while promoting social justice and international labour standards in a globalising world.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is conservative, and estimated from adding the 3600+ subscribers to our mailing list, with the 12000+ who visit our blog every month.

## **Review process**

Articles submitted for publication will undergo a rigorous, blind review process. The editors work with a team of reviewers based in South Africa and at the ILO, calling on external reviewers where particular expertise is needed.

The reviewer advises the editors whether the article should be rejected; published without any changes; published with minor changes; or published with major changes. The report is then sent to the author, who has up to two weeks to amend the article as required. Once approved by the reviewer and the editors, the article may be sent to a sub-editor for language editing. The sub-editing of articles is only done in exceptional circumstances.

The GLC emphasises quality in the style of writing and in the review process because we may select the contributor's article to form part of our published anthologies. We have, to date, released 4 anthologies with the latest one, *Struggle in a Time of Crisis*, published by Pluto Press in 2015.

### **Style guidelines:**

- We use %. not percent
- We use single quote marks for direct quotations, and double quote marks for direct speech or quotations inside quotations (for example: According to CNN, Mabusu 'explained that the current structure of the bargaining chamber was "not conducive" to friendly relations' (CNN, 2016).

### **Guidelines for referencing (Harvard style):**

- When referencing in-text: (Mamdani, 2004)
- When quoting from the text: (Mamdani, 2004: 34)
- At the end of the article only material cited in the text should be listed:
  - Mamdani, M. (2004) *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, Cold War and the Roots of Terrorism*, Kampala: Fountain Publishers.
  - Ponte, S. (2004) 'The politics of ownership: Tanzanian coffee policy in the age of liberal reformism', *African Affairs*, 103
  - Guyer, J. (1987) 'Comparative Epilogue', in J. Guyer (ed.): *Feeding African Cities: Studies in Regional Social History*, Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- Newspaper titles should be italicised (e.g. *The Daily Graphic*).
- Web sites must be cited with a title and/or author, as well as the link and the date viewed: [www.info.usaid.gov/eg/econ.htm](http://www.info.usaid.gov/eg/econ.htm), accessed 10 July 2006

Kindly ensure that you check the contribution against these guidelines before submitting it.