



Call for Contributions to the Global Labour Column

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The Global Labour Column (GLC) is a collaboration between the Global Labour University (GLU) and the Corporate Strategy and Industrial Development (CSiD) research programme at the University of the Witwatersrand. It is edited by Nicolas Pons-Vignon and Mbuso Nkosi. 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.

The GLC was established in 2009 to reflect on the challenges, effects on, and responses by the labour movement to the global economic crisis. Over time, its scope has broadened to accommodate general labour issues. 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 readers¹, provides a forum for unions, academics and other progressive voices around the world to connect, debate, and share knowledge and experiences.

We seek contributions which are informative, analytical and useful for union activists and labour 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 therefore seek contributions along the lines of opinion pieces, journalistic summaries of academic papers, comments on government responses to the crisis, and commentary on unfolding struggles, discussions and debates within specific national contexts and regarding global labour issues. Articles focused on a particular national issue should be contextualised sufficiently to be followed by readers with no knowledge of the country.

¹ This figure is conservative, and estimated from adding the 3000+ subscribers to our mailing list, with the 12000+ who visit our blog every month.

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

The referee then 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 referee and the editors, the article may be sent to a sub-editor for language editing.

Guidelines for referencing following Harvard style:

- When referencing in 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, pp 23-49.
Guyer, J. (1987), 'Comparative Epilogue', in J. Guyer (ed.): *Feeding African Cities: Studies in Regional Social History*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp 148-154.
- 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 date viewed (e.g. www.info.usaid.gov/eg/econ.htm, accessed 10 July 2006)