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Solutions to the global economic, environmental and social crisis require a fundamental change in economic and political thinking. The Global Labour University offers trade unionists and academic scholars a dynamic international research and study environment to debate and produce new ideas.”

Sharan Burrow,
ITUC General Secretary



Labour in a Global Economy

Women and men in formal and informal employment and their trade unions are facing the challenges of rapid economic and social change.

The current form of globalisation is undermining the social fabric of many societies, without providing an adequate new regulatory and protective framework.

The GLU encourages research and debate on coherent social and economic policies in order to promote a socially and environmentally sustainable model of globalisation.

The Masters programmes equip trade unionists to engage more efficiently in social dialogue, public debate and policy implementation to achieve decent work and social justice for all.

Multidisciplinary

All programmes are multidisciplinary, combining sociology, economics, political science, labour law, and history.

Internships

Internships with Global Unions, the ILO and trade union organisations in Europe, Brazil, India and South Africa provide practical insights into policies and initiatives to promote better labour rights and offer exceptional opportunities for research.

Language

Sufficient knowledge in English is a prerequisite for participation. Special courses are offered at the beginning of the programmes to assist students in further improving their English language skills.

International

The Global Labour University (GLU) is a network of universities, international and national trade unions, civil society organisations and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to provide postgraduate qualification programmes for trade unionists, labour activists, and experts. This unique global cooperation offers students a wide range of academic and practical expertise. The global composition of students creates a genuine “one world” research and learning environment.

Applicants Profile

- ▶ You are interested in critical research and policy development to advance the social dimension of globalisation.
- ▶ You have experience in trade union work or related fields.
- ▶ You have a Bachelor’s degree in political science, sociology, economics, law or an equivalent degree. Applicants with skills and qualifications gained through professional experience and life-long learning can in exceptional cases be admitted.

Application

- ▶ Women are strongly encouraged to apply.
- ▶ Application forms and information about costs and scholarships can be downloaded at : www.global-labour-university.org

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS PROGRAMMES ON LABOUR AND GLOBALISATION



MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALISATION

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Social Economy and Labour

GERMANY
Labour Policies and Globalisation

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Labour and Development

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BRAZIL

UNIVERSIDADE ESTADUAL DE CAMPINAS



The State University of Campinas, located in the State of Sao Paulo, is one of the most distinguished Brazilian academic institutions. It seeks to contribute to the solution of social problems through education and research.

The Masters programme in “Social Economy and Labour” utilises a comparative perspective to focus on development economics, the role of multinational corporations in the Global South and labour strategies against inequality and poverty.

 The partnership with the Central Única dos Trabalhadores, CUT, links the programme with a key organisation of the vibrant Brazilian civil society that initiated the World Social Forum as the global gathering to discuss and mobilise for an alternative globalisation.

Deadline for applications: 1 September
Start of Course: February
Contact: glu.brazil@eco.unicamp.br


GERMANY

UNIVERSITÄT KASSEL/FHW BERLIN



The programme in Germany is jointly offered by the University of Kassel and the Berlin School of Economics; two German academic institutions with special expertise on global governance, macroeconomics, and trade union strategies.

The focus of the Masters programme in “Labour Policies and Globalisation” is on the challenges for labour posed by corporate decisions on investments across nations, by predominantly supply-side oriented macroeconomics, and by neo-liberal rules for trade and finance at a global level. Discussion of the adequacy of alternative policies for labour is a central element throughout the programme.

 Close cooperation with the German trade union federation, DGB, and European trade unions provides insights into the practice of social dialogue, collective bargaining, and co-determination in the German and European context.

Deadline for applications: 1 February
Start of course: September
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INDIA

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



The Tata Institute of Social Sciences is recognised as a leading university in India. Since its inception in 1936 it has worked for the promotion of sustainable, equitable and participatory development and social justice. The Masters Programme in “Globalisation and Labour” is part of its efforts to offer socially relevant courses.

Globalisation and liberalisation are causing major changes in the lives of workers, in particular in developing countries. The programme strives to equip people engaged in trade unions, cooperatives and other membership-based organisations with adequate knowledge at theoretical, conceptual and empirical levels to interrogate the social, economic and political impact of these processes. It places particular emphasis on workers in informal employment and their problems.

Internships and discussions with Indian trade unions offer opportunities to gain insights into the Indian society, the challenges of diversity and the pioneering work of different trade unions and other membership based organisations to organise and represent informal economy workers.

Deadline for applications: 1 March
Start of course: July
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SOUTH AFRICA

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND



The University of the Witwatersrand is a renowned African university which seeks to be critically responsive to society's expectations that higher education should become a key driver of development for people, communities, social institutions and democracy.

The programme has a special focus on “Labour and Development”. It aims to build capacity and competence for trade unions to enable constructive engagement in policy proposals that can make a difference and improve the position of working people and society at large within the context of sustainable development.

 The cooperation with the Congress of South African Trade Unions, COSATU, provides the unique opportunity for students to engage with a labour organisation in a country where organised labour decisively contributed to the end of apartheid and where social movement unionism is a cornerstone of democracy and social dialogue.

Deadline for applications: 31 July
Start of course: January
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The GLU network connects scholars and labour practitioners globally. The international Masters Programmes on Labour and Globalisation in Brazil, Germany, India, and South Africa enable you to acquire knowledge needed for work in labour organisations at national and international level. Rigorous training in analytical and empirical methods is combined with an emphasis on policy and practice. Each course has a distinct thematic profile. Faculty and student exchanges between the four programmes along with joint workshops and conferences provide unique opportunities to learn about policies to advance fairer globalisation and decent work.