



CALL FOR PAPERS ON

The World Trade Organization: The Record and the Prospects

Third Conference of Institute for Human Rights
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW)
Held on the Campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Indiana
April 18-20, 2008

“Excellent and very thoughtful”

—Joshua Cohen, Program on Global Justice,
Stanford University, on the conference concept

You are invited to be considered for a paper presentation at the Third International Conference of the IPFW Institute for Human Rights. The Conference will assess the **Moral Record and Prospects of the World Trade Organization**. Proposals for workshops and topics for panel discussion are also welcome.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is now well over a decade old. It was created to promote economic growth and rising incomes for labor in the fight against world poverty viewed as the main obstacle to the progress of human rights to real freedom of thought and choice.

This Third Conference of the Institute for Human Rights on the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Campus will address both the record and the prospects of the WTO by United Nations human rights standards. This Conference is organized by the Institute in collaboration with the Department of Economics. It invites contributors working in the areas of growth, development, labor, and international economics along with applied ethics and social philosophy. It especially invites academics from different parts of the world to participate.

The WTO has generated widespread public controversy:

- Has the WTO fulfilled its promise of rewarding labor with higher income and reduced world poverty, and if not what can be done?
- Are rising world-wide incomes a morally valid criterion of human development?
- Has its automatic enforcement procedure against subsidies really limited the economic sovereignty of great economic powers and their multinational corporations?
- Could this automatic enforcement procedure, unique among institutions of world governance, serve aims beyond rewarding labor with rising incomes, such as social or environmental protection?
- Has the WTO promoted political alienation, a loss of national control by labor over its economic destiny to faceless supranational bureaucracies?

- Can the WTO generate interest in political globalization, restoring control by labor over its future that has been lost to economic globalization?

Contributors are invited to raise many other related questions.

Submissions are invited from researchers in international organizations, government, the private sector and the labor movement as well as from higher education and independent institutes. However, no papers merely stating the official position of any government or organization will be accepted. Research papers from a wide range of ideological backgrounds will be encouraged. Papers by graduate students will be considered by the same criteria applied as those applied to other submissions. Two copies of each paper proposal or paper should be submitted on sheets without identification of the author or his or her affiliation, accompanied by a separate cover letter with full contact information.

Calendar of Events

- October 1, 2007:** Deadline for proposals for workshops and panel discussions are also due at this time. Any such proposals must be accompanied with identification of the proposed participants.
- November 1, 2007:** Deadline for paper submissions (three copies). Prospective authors are invited to contact the Institute for Human Rights prior to this deadline for feedback with regard to proposals. Address communications to the Institute Director at butler@ipfw.edu. Inquiries may also be made by phone by calling 260 481 6364. The Fax number is 260 481 6367. Also, an announcement of workshops and panel discussions to be included in the program will also be made at this time.
- January 15, 2008:** Announcement of papers accepted for presentation.
- April 18-20, 2008:** The conference dates at the Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne conference center.

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Publication Status of Conference Papers

The IPFW Fort Wayne Campus has committed itself to publication. Papers accepted for presentation will be considered for publication. The Institute understands that the presentation of a paper assigns first right of publication to the Institute. A decision will be made on publication within six months of the conference, after which the author is free to publish elsewhere. The Institute does not publish unrevised proceedings, and does not publish papers published or forthcoming elsewhere. All Institute books show stylistic consistency and a coherent development of the successive chapter essays. The book based on the First Conference on Guantanamo Bay is available from Purdue University Press (ISBN 13:9-78155-753-427-9). See also the link to the Institute Website at <http://www.ipfw.edu/hri/>