

BODIES, BROKERS & BORDERS

LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARIES & TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION

April 3, 2010
Oakes College,
Room 105
UC Santa Cruz
8:45am - 5:30pm

PANELS

1 GOVERNING BROKERAGE: FROM BROKERAGE STATES TO ABETTING FORCED LABOR

XIANG BIAO

CENTRE ON MIGRATION, POLICY AND SOCIETY, OXFORD
author of *Global 'Body Shopping': An Indian
International Labor System in the IT Industry*

ROBYN MAGALIT RODRIQUEZ

RUTGERS
author of *Migrants for Export: How the
Philippine State Brokers Workers to
the World*

DAVID KYLE and KATIE VALENZUELA

UC DAVIS
*Brokering Labor and Capital: How the
Evolution of Global Financial Markets
and State Regulations Created
a Migration Industry*

2 BROKERING CROSS-BORDER PROFESSIONALS: IT & BEYOND

ANNALEE SAXENIAN

DEAN, SCHOOL OF INFORMATION, UC BERKELEY
author of *The New Argonauts: Regional
Advantage in a Global Economy*

PAYAL BANERJEE

SMITH COLLEGE
*Corporate Clients, Employers, and Indian
Immigrant IT Workers in the U.S.*

ANA GUEVARRA

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO
author of *Marketing Dreams, Manufacturing
Heroes: The Transnational Labor Brokering
of Filipino Workers*

TEMP AGENCIES, BODYSHOPS, SHAPE-UPS, HEADHUNTERS. In today's global economy, workers at all skill levels face more precarious, insecure and temporary jobs. Meanwhile, more people must push across international borders in search of decent work. 🌐 Both employers and workers increasingly turn to a rising player-labor brokers-to match jobs to workers, whether across town or across oceans. Do these labor market intermediaries, now fixtures in industries from construction to healthcare to IT, provide new paths to innovation and migrant mobility, or simply new frameworks for exploitation? 🌐 This conference brings together a wide range of scholars to explore just how transnational brokerage actually works, whether alternatives exist, and what the rise of brokering means for workers, industries and for the future of labor markets.

3 THE MIGRATION INDUSTRY & PRECARIOUS EMPLOYMENT

RUBÉN HERNÁNDEZ-LEÓN

UCLA
author of *Metropolitan Migrants: The
Migration of Urban Mexicans to the U.S.*

LAURA LOPEZ-SANDERS

STANFORD
*Brokering Incorporation: Bilingual Brokers
and Ethnic Replacement Processes in New
Immigrant Destinations*

FIDAN ELCIOGLU

UC BERKELEY
*Producing Precarity: The Role of
Temporary Help Agencies in the
Labor Market*

BROKERING ALTERNATIVES? COMMUNITY-BASED WORKER CENTERS & MIGRANT DAY LABOR

JAMIE PECK

RESEARCH CHAIR, URBAN AND REGIONAL POLITICAL
ECONOMY, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
author of *WorkPlace: The Social Regulation
of Labor Markets*

and NIK THEODORE

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR URBAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO
co-author of *Flexible Recession: The Temporary
Staffing Industry and Mediated Work in the
United States*

ABEL VALENZUELA

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF
URBAN POVERTY
co-author of *On the Corner: Day Labor
in the United States*

JANICE FINE

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND LABOR RELATIONS
RUTGERS
author of *Worker Centers: Organizing
Communities at the Edge of the Dream*

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