The role of guest workers has become an increasingly important factor in the composition of the world labor pool and the discussion of solutions to the challenge of undocumented immigration. From the U.S.-Mexican Bracero Program of 1942–1964, through the H2 programs in the U.S. today, to the many temporary workers who cross borders and oceans to participate in the growing global economies, this conference will consider how guest workers have shaped the world we live in, both domestically and globally.

**Friday, April 15, 2011**

8:30 Registration & Coffee

**9:30** Welcome

**remarks**

Matthew Garcia (Brown University/Arizona State University)

Session 1 Then and Now

**Moderator:**

Ana Rosas (University of California, Irvine)

Don Mitchell (Syracuse University)

"Are We All Braceros Now? Lessons from the Bracero Program on the Casualization and Control of Labor"

Cindy Hahamovitch (College of William & Mary)

"No Man's Land: Jamaican Guest Workers in America and the Global History of Deportable Workers"

**Session 2 Echoes of the Past**

**Moderator:**

Kent Wong (University of California, Los Angeles)

Leah Schmalzbauer (Montana State University)

"Temporary and Transnational: Fatherhood and Family Formation among Mexican H2A Workers in the Mountain West"

Deborah Thomas (University of Pennsylvania)

"Unlikely Circulations: Jamaican Hotel Workers in Northern Michigan"

9:00 Registration & Coffee

**9:30** Remarks

Bill Deverell (Huntington/USC Institute on California and the West)

Session 4 Future

**Moderator:**

Edward Escobar (Arizona State University)

David Gutierrez (University of California, San Diego)

"Illegal Aliens and 'Guest Workers': The Historical Semantics of Transnational Labor Exploitation"

Pardis Mahdavi (Pomona College)

"Re-Casting Guest Workers in the Gulf: The Disconnect between Policies on 'Human Trafficking' and Lived Experiences of Forced Labor in Dubai"

Noon Lunch

1:00 Session 5 Global Realities

**Moderator:**

Eileen Diaz McConnell (Arizona State University)

Lora Bartlett (University of California, Santa Cruz)

"Just Passing Through: Transnational Teachers and the Global Teacher Workforce"

Pallavi Banerjee (University of Illinois, Chicago)

"I call it the Vegetable Visa': Gendered Migration and the Politics of Dependent Visas"

**Session 6 Roundtable**

**Remarks & Moderator:**

Carlos Velez-Ibanez (Arizona State University)

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