

CALL FOR PAPERS

Equity, Efficiency or Ethics?

Corporate Codes of Conduct and the Social Regulation of the Global Firm

The Inter-University Centre on Globalization and Work (CRIMT-Universite de Montreal, Universite Laval, HEC Montreal) and the Canadian Workplace Research Network (CWRN), in collaboration with their social partners, are co-sponsoring an international symposium on Equity, Efficiency or Ethics? Corporate Codes of Conduct and the Social Regulation of the Global Firm, to be held at HEC Montreal from 30 April to 2 May 2003. The symposium will feature overviews from some of the leading experts on this theme. We invite all interested researchers to submit research paper proposals for inclusion in the thematic sessions, which will constitute a major part of the programme. These papers should report original empirical or thematic research on approaches to the social regulation of the international activities of firms and their supply chains.

Papers may be written and presented in English or French. Preference will be accorded to research that makes a substantive contribution to the understanding of mechanisms for the social regulation of work and employment in international firms. Papers may draw on different disciplinary traditions. In particular, research paper proposals are invited on one or more of the following conference themes: All submissions will be subject to a competitive review by the Programme Committee. Deadline for submission of research proposals is February 7th 2003. Proposals should be 2-3 pages in length and should outline the nature of the study, the methodological approach, the principal lines of argument to be developed and the implications for the social regulation of the activities of firms in a global economy. Authors will be expected to submit a full version of their paper no later than April 15 2003. The best papers, subject to peer review, will be considered for a special thematic issue of Relations industrielles/Industrial Relations (RI/IR), Canada's major academic journal on work and employment. Young scholars and doctoral students are especially encouraged to make proposals.

Participants in the symposium will include representatives from socio-economic partners and other civil society groups and university researchers. Speakers who have already confirmed their presence include: Charles Sabel (Columbia), Adelle Blackett (McGill), Marie-Ange Moreau (Université d'Aix-Marseilles), Pierre Verge (Laval), George Tsogas (Institute for Social Studies), Bob Jeffcott/Lynda Yanz (Maquila Solidarity Network), Dara O'Rourke (MIT), Wesley Cragg (York), Don Wells (McMaster), Harry Arthurs (York) and Alain Supiot (Nantes). For further information, please contact: judith.paquet@rlt.ulaval.ca

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