*The Global Labour Speaker Series is pleased to host:*  
***GLRC Year Opener: Cutting Edge Themes in Global Labour Studies***

with  
Carlo Fanelli, Department of Social Science

Luin Goldring, Department of Sociology

Fay Faraday, Osgoode Hall Law School

Adrian Smith, Osgoode Hall Law School

Pat Armstrong, Department of Sociology

Moderator: Luann Good Gingrich, Director, Global Labour Research Centre

**Tuesday, October 1st**  
519 Kaneff Tower, York University

*Panel Discussion 1:30-3:00pm*

*Reception: 3:00-3:45pm*

This panel of distinguished scholars from York University will each present a summary of their research as it relates to one of the five themes of the Global Labour Research Centre, to be followed by a roundtable discussion. The five themes and their presenter include:

* Work, Employment and Labour Rights – Carlo Fanelli
* Migration, Citizenship and Work – Luin Goldring
* Gender Relations in Work and Labour Movements – Fay Faraday
* Revitalization of Workers’ Movements – Adrian Smith
* Work and Health – Pat Armstrong

We are experiencing a time of turbulence in the diverse world of work.  Multiple forces – such as the climate emergency, migration, and automation – converge to threaten livelihoods of individuals and groups all across the globe. At the same time, growing inequality, fractured social relations, and historical and ongoing structural violence provoke great rifts between us, often setting up fierce competition and conflict rather than cooperation and creativity. Responses – even from the academy – are commonly reactionary and fretful rather than forward-thinking and imaginative. This roundtable discussion will focus on pressing issues related to work, labour and livelihoods, and the opportunities and challenges for research in a rapidly shifting landscape. We will consider questions such as:

* What is the place of the “public intellectual” in the current social, economic and political climate?
* In these unsettled and contentious times, how can scholars influence the direction of change in labour markets, labour movements, local and global policy, and so on?
* What meaningful and productive research questions might be pursued?
* How might higher education encourage active and engaged leadership on these urgent challenges we face together?

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