

Migration and Low Pay in London

Monday 9 June 2014, 2.45 pm (3.00 start) – 6.00 pm

London School of Economics, Room 3.21, OLD Building, Houghton Street

As you probably know, LSE London has been running a series of workshops and seminars over the past two-years in a HEIF dissemination project covering key aspects of the transformative effects on London of international migration, and migration controls. One of our concerns during these has been with labour market effects, including *both* those on the supply of high-end skills, *and* on how the way recent migrants get employed at the bottom end of the London labour market impacts on all those reliant on jobs in this segment.

The aim of this latest seminar (the penultimate one in the series), which we very much hope you can attend, is to focus on the second of these, in relation to the concerns about low pay in this (expensive) city, expressed recently in both the Resolution Foundation's *Review of the (National) Minimum Wage* and the Greater London Assembly's *Making the London Living Wage the Norm*.

The seminar brings together a set of expert speakers, from a range of institutions and with differing kinds of expertise, on the role/impacts of migrant labour at the bottom end of the labour market, and on the politics/economics of providing a floor to real wages, in London's quite particular situation. There will be ample opportunity for questions and debate.

The seminar will be held on Monday 9 June, **from 2.45 to 6.00 p.m. at the LSE in Room 3.21 on the 3rd floor of the Old Building on Houghton Street**. A drinks reception will follow. The programme is attached, with details of the location and how to find the room within the LSE campus.

We will be hosting two more events within the HEIF 'migration and the transformation of London' programme before the summer, including one more seminar and an international conference, about which we will send details shortly.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend the event on Monday June 9th and contribute to the discussion. Please confirm asap. If you require further information, please email Melissa Fernández at Lselondon@lse.ac.uk, or call 0207 955 6522.

Best wishes,



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Tony Travers

Christine Whitehead

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Chair: Bharat Mehta (Chief Executive, Trust for London)

14.45 Registration & Coffee

15.00 Chair's Introduction

15.10 The Role/Impacts of Migrants in London's Low Paid Jobs

Kavita Datta & Cathy McIlwaine

Geography, Queen Mary, University of London

Ian Gordon

Geography/SERC, London School of Economics

Discussion

16.10 Tea

16.30 Policy Responses to a London Low Pay Problem

Conor D'Arcy

Researcher, Resolution Foundation

Sarah Vero

Partnerships Manager, Living Wage Foundation

Stephen Knight

Chair, Economic Committee, Greater London Assembly

Discussion

18.00 Drinks and nibbles

Further information: please e-mail Lselondon@lse.ac.uk

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