

CALL FOR PAPERS

90 years of the ILO: the significance for Australia and New Zealand

SYMPOSIUM

Organised by the Business and Labour History Group of the
New Zealand Work & Labour Market Institute, Auckland University of Technology
In association with the Auckland Labour History Group

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The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is dedicated to promoting decent work and livelihoods, job-related security and better living standards. In 2009 the ILO celebrates its 90th Anniversary, against a backdrop of financial crisis and critical levels of unemployment around the world. Looking to the future means understanding the past, and as such the ILO's 90th anniversary celebrations allow us to reflect on its achievements in promoting rights at work and decent employment, enhancing social protection and strengthening social dialogue and tripartism on work-related issues.

The ILO is the world's oldest and only tripartite international agency, created in 1919 as part of the Treaty of Versailles that ended World War I, to reflect the belief that universal and lasting peace can be accomplished only if based on social justice. The first annual International Labour Conference began on 29 October 1919 in Washington DC. It adopted the first 6 International Labour Conventions. Today the ILO has 188 Conventions and Declarations and 199 Recommendations. In 1998 the 8 Core Conventions or International Labour Standards were consolidated into a Declaration of Fundamental Principles & Rights at Work:

- Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining
- Abolition of forced labour
- Elimination of Worst forms of Child Labour
- Equality of opportunity and treatment

Papers are called for in the following areas:

- **What has been the significance of the ILO for Australia and New Zealand?**
- **What influence have Australia and New Zealand had on the ILO?**
- **What does the future hold for interaction of the ILO with Australia & New Zealand?**

Keynote speakers will include **Paul MacKay**, Employment Relations Director, Business NZ and **Margaret Wilson**, Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of Waikato and former Speaker of Parliament and former Minister for Labour.

Abstracts of 300 words should be submitted to nzwalmi@aut.ac.nz by 15 September. These will be refereed and authors will be informed of acceptance by 1 October. Papers accepted will be presented at the symposium and following refereeing of the full written papers, those accepted will be published in a special issue of the *NZ Journal of Employment Relations* in June 2010. Please consult www.nzjournal.org for submission guidelines.