



GLOBAL LABOUR UNIVERSITY

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WHO ARE WE?

Global Labour University (GLU) is a network of trade unions, universities, the ILO and labour organisations across the world. It offers a wide range of studying opportunities in an international environment and carries out publishing and research activities.

GLU's mission is to increase the intellectual and strategic capacity of workers' organisations and to establish stronger relationships between them, NGOs, and the scientific community. We strive to empower them all to act towards making our world more inclusive and fairer.

STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Master's programmes** give trade unionists and labour activists a chance to increase their intellectual and strategic capacity in various countries across the globe. GLU currently offers [5 Master's](#) in South Africa, Germany, India, the US, and Brazil.



- **Leadership programmes** at the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) in South Africa and UP SOLAIR in the Philippines provide further specialisation, enabling potential leaders to gain new knowledge for entering public debate and policy development.
- **The GLU Online Academy** offers participatory online education opportunities that combine theoretical knowledge and practical skills through [Massive Open Online Courses \(MOOCs\)](#). Students have a chance to deepen their awareness and skills, attend online and localised workshops, and engage with top labour experts.

PARTNER NETWORK AND STRUCTURE

Our network is composed of partners from universities, international organisations, national and international trade unions, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).



The partners are participating in the network to provide high-quality education on a wide range of topics related to labour studies, trade unions, economic globalisation and more. They cooperate on curriculum development, faculty exchange, and joint research initiatives.



The network is governed by national Steering Committees (SC) in six member countries and an [International Steering Committee](#) with representatives from the different campuses, alumni and global partners.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The GLU promotes international and interdisciplinary research cooperation on global labour issues. It provides an innovative framework for research and policy development in areas such as trade union organising, democracy, sustainable development, social justice, international labour standards, multinational companies, economic policies and global institutions.



The Global Labour University Conferences and international workshops offer opportunities for further debate and networking among researchers and activists.

PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

The GLU offers several channels for publishing research results and discussion papers on issues of labour and globalisation. Other online, open-access websites that capture labour activities and cover related topics are also featured on our channels.

- The **Global Labour Column** is a platform that regularly publishes short articles from researchers, trade unionists and other labour activists on a variety of topics focused on the challenges of globalisation for labour.
- The **GLU Working Papers** started in 2008. They serve as a **platform** for GLU members and associates of the network, as well as GLU alumni, to publish stimulating research on issues around globalisation and labour.

- The **Global Labour Journal** is an online, open-access, multi-disciplinary **academic journal** that publishes scholarly work on labour activities worldwide and contributes to understanding and promoting the transition of the labour movement.

ALUMNI NETWORK



Over the years, more than 1,000 students have completed GLU programmes, and many of them are active within the network. They have developed a number of activities and network structures. These include various research groups, a solidarity fund, an alumni representative structure, and collective work in the alumni summer schools.

Furthermore, they strive to learn from each other in research and strategy building for furthering workers' rights and social justice by sharing information on matters such as campaigns and labour struggles in different parts of the world.

GLU strengthens this active networking and interaction between GLU students and alumni through the [alumni page of the website](#), GLU social media profiles, alumni interview series, and alumni online groups. We are always open to suggestions on how to further improve the alumni network.

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON EVENTS

GLU organizes a **yearly conference** on a topic of common interest in the network. The conferences take place at each GLU campus on a rotating basis, and are an opportunity for students, alumni, researchers and activists involved in the GLU to present their research, discuss new ideas and strengthen the network.

The GLU organises **alumni summer schools** on GLU campuses. They serve as platforms for discussing new and stimulating ideas to advance the global labour movement, establishing and extending international network activities and solidarity, and enhancing practical skills that help the alumni in their local work to advance workers' rights worldwide.

Various online and offline events such as **workshops and webinars** are organised according to the networks' needs and priorities. These range from virtual open houses that present master's programs to potential students, to localised workshops on the ground.

LET'S LEARN AND ACT TOGETHER

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