The conference is hosted by the Workers and Social Cohesion Research Group of McMaster University which is based in the Political Science Department and Labour Studies Programme. (http://socservsocsci.mcmaster.ca/workers/) Papers have been solicited on the following topics:

- Social Cohesion and other approaches
- Workers and their communities
- Corporate restructuring and regional integration
- International dimensions of social cohesion

WORKERS AND SOCIAL COHESION CONFERENCE

28-29 January 2005

Workers Arts & Heritage Centre
51 Stuart Street
Hamilton, ON L8L 1B5
Telephone: (905) 522-3003
Friday, January 28th, 2005
8:45 - 9:15 Registration and Welcome

PANEL ONE: Friday 28th January 2005. 9:15 to 12:00
SOCIAL COHESION AND OTHER CONCEPTS

Chair: Charlotte Yates
Paper One: “Social Cohesion and other Public Policy Concepts”
Jeff Dayton-Johnson (OECD)
Paper Two: Economic Apartheid in the Canadian Labour Market: the Roots of Social Exclusion”
Grace-Edward Galabuzi (Ryerson University)
Paper Three: “Workers and Social Cohesion”
Robert O’Brien (McMaster University)

PANEL TWO: Friday 28th January 2005. 1:00 to 2:30
COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Belinda Leach
Paper One: “Immigrants and Social Cohesion”
Karen Bird (McMaster University)
Paper Two: “Workers and their Communities”
Sandra Micucci, (McMaster University)

PANEL THREE: Friday 28th January 2005. 2:50 to 4:30
COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Don Wells
Paper One: “Inclusion, Cohesion, and Gendered Lived Experience”
Belinda Leach (Guelph) and Charlotte Yates (McMaster)
Paper Two: “Cultural Production and Social Cohesion Amid the Decline of Coal and Steel: the Case of Cape Breton Island”
Larry Haiven (Saint Mary’s University)

Conference Dinner
Liuna Station
360 James Street North
Hamilton, Ontario
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 29th, 2005
9:00 Refreshments will be available

PANEL FOUR: Saturday 29th January 2005. 9:15 to 10:45
CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING

Chair: Leah Vosko
Paper One: “Haven in a Heartless World: Labour-Management Cohesion in a Non-Unionized Auto Parts Company”
Wayne Lewchuk and Don Wells (McMaster University)
Mark Thomas, (York University)

PANEL FIVE: Saturday 29th January 2005. 11:00 to 12:30
WORKER AND CITIZEN PERCEPTION OF THE ‘OTHER’

Chair: Wayne Lewchuk
Paper One: “Knowing ‘the Other’: Competition and Insecurity for Workers in the Canadian and Mexican Auto Parts Industries”
Holly Gibbs (McMaster University)
Paper Two: “Civil Society Targets the International”
Robert O’Brien (McMaster University)

PANEL SIX: Saturday 29th January 2005. 1:30 to 3:30
LABOUR STANDARDS

Chair: Robert O’Brien
Charles W. Smith (York) and Larry Savage (Brock)
Paper Two: “Canadian Labour Policy in Light of International Labour Standards Development”
Roy Adams (McMaster University)
Leah Vosko (York University)

3:45 to 4:30 Roundtable/Concluding Comments