

Organizing for Austerity: The Neoliberal State, Regulating Labour, and Working Class Resistance

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Call for Papers

In the fall of 2008 we witnessed and experienced the financial meltdown; unprecedented bankruptcies and bailouts made the headlines in local, national, and international news. Throughout the last thirty-plus years of neoliberal political and economic policies, we have seen waves of austerity, the retrenchment of social rights and welfare state regimes, the individuation of poverty, discrimination of various forms, a deepening of social and economic polarization unheard of since the 1920s, and attacks on and the regulation of unionized and non-unionized labour alike. We have also participated in and at the same time studied community and working class resistance. In the spring of 2011 we will be in the thick of these struggles. This special journal issue is a space to critically reflect on working class and community experiences of austerity policy in the neoliberal era of global capitalism. It is also a space to strategize about and critically analyze examples of people organizing dissent.

Socialist Studies invites reflections on, and scholarly considerations of, the impact and legacy of neoliberalism, austerity policies, and the regulation of labour and labour resistance, and community and working class struggles against these repressive policy regimes and prejudices, for inclusion in a special issue of the journal to be released on 31 May 2011. The issue has already generated serious interest from noted scholars and activists including Gregory Albo, Marjorie Cohen, Andrew Jackson, Norene Pupo, and Stephanie Ross. For more information on *Socialist Studies: the Journal of the Society for Socialist Studies* and our submissions policy, please visit <http://www.socialiststudies.com>. Those interested in contributing to the Spring 2011 special issue should contact Bryan Evans at b1evans@politics.ryerson.ca. The deadline for scholarly articles (to be sent out for peer review) is 01 January 2011.