

**WIEGO 20th. ANNIVERSARY
RESEARCH CONFERENCE
Harvard University
November 10-12, 2017
AGENDA**

DAY # 1: November 10

- 8:30-9:00 **Welcome & Introductions:** Marty Chen (Harvard University & WIEGO)
- 9:00-10:30 **Informal Economy Re-Visited:** Chair, Renana Jhabvala (Self-Employed Women's Association & WIEGO Board)
- Jan Breman (University of Amsterdam)
 - Barbara Harriss-White (Oxford University)
- 10:30-11:00 Tea & Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:45 **Informal Employment:** Chair, Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University & WIEGO Board)
- Advances in Statistics on Informal Employment
 - Definition, Methods, Specific Groups (Joann Vanek, WIEGO)
 - ICSE Classification of Dependent Contractors/Homeworkers, Application of Informal Employment Definition to Developed Countries (Françoise Carré, University of Massachusetts/Boston & WIEGO)
 - Application of Informal Employment Definition and Methods in Mexico (Rodrigo Negrete, INEGI)
 - WIEGO Research on Informal Employment: Methods, Indicators & Key Findings (Marty Chen, Harvard University & WIEGO)
- 12:45-13:45 Lunch
- 13:45-15:30 **Informal Employment, Labor Law and the Challenge of Enforcement:** Chair, Marlese von Broembsen (Harvard Law School & WIEGO)
- Labour Law: Incorporating Informal Work & Implications for the Employment Contract and Collective Bargaining. (Judy Fudge, Kent Law School)
 - Enforcement of Labour Standards/Rights in Developing Countries: Challenges & Solutions (Michael Piore, Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
 - Enforcement for Domestic Work: Trends, Good Practice and Research Gaps (Adelle Blackett, McGill Law School)
- 15:30-16:00 Tea & Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30 **Informality & Economics:** Chair, Jeemol Unni (Ahmedabad University & WIEGO Board)
- Old & New Forms of Informal Employment (Uma Rani, International Labour Organization)
 - Informality, Regulation & Taxation (Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University & WIEGO Board)
 - (Re)conceptualizing Poverty and Informal Employment (Mike Rogan, Rhodes University & WIEGO)
 - Informality & the Dynamics of the Structure of Employment (James Heintz, University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- 18:30 -22:00: **WIEGO ANNIVERSARY DINNER – LOEB HOUSE**

DAY # 2: November 11

8:30-10:00 **Informality & Urban Planning and Design:** Chair, Sally Roever (WIEGO)

- Informality & Urban Planning in Africa (Caroline Skinner, University of Cape Town & WIEGO; Vanessa Watson, University of Cape Town)
- Informal Livelihoods, Urban Design and Planning (Rahul Mehrotra, Harvard Graduate School of Design)
- Informal Settlements as Places of Work and Sites of Activist Practice (Gautam Bhan, Indian Institute for Human Settlements)

10:00-10:30 Tea & Coffee Break

10:30-12:15 **Waste Pickers: Conceptualization of “The Public” in Waste Management:** Chair, Sonia Dias (NEPEM/Federal University of Minas Gerais & WIEGO)

- Waste & “The Public” (Melanie Samson, Wits University)
- Waste & the Right to the City (Lucia Fernandez, Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo & WIEGO)
- Waste & the Urban Commons (J r mie Cav . Sciences Po, Toulouse & Urbanalyse Consultancy)

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

13:15 -15:00 **Street Vendors: Politics and Possibilities for Inclusion:** Chair, Caroline Skinner (University of Cape Town & WIEGO)

- Street Vendors & Regulation (Sally Roever, WIEGO)
- Street Vendors & Planning Paradigms (Amin Kamete, University of Glasgow)
- Street Vendors & Engagement with the State (Veronica Crossa, University College Dublin)

15:00-15:30 Tea & Coffee Break

15:30-17:15 **Homeworkers in Global Value Chains:** Chair, Francie Lund (ex-University of KwaZulu Natal & WIEGO)

- Building Labor Protections at the Base of Garment and Textile Value Chains: Evidence from India (Meenu Tewari, University of North Carolina)
- Realising Employer Liability in Global Value Chains for Subcontracted Workers, Including Homeworkers: Lessons from India. (Kamala Sankaran, Delhi University & Tamil Nadu National Law School)
- Regulating Global Value Chains to Realize Labor Rights for Homeworkers (Marlese von Broembsen, Harvard Law School & WIEGO)

19:00-21:00 **Conference Participants’ Dinner, Charles Hotel, Longfellow Room**

DAY # 3: November 12

- 8:30-10:15 **Informal Workers & the State:** Chair, Sally Roever (WIEGO)
- Informal Workers & the African State (Kate Meagher, London School of Economics)
 - Informal Workers & the Indian State (Rina Agarwala, Johns Hopkins University)
 - Domestic Workers, Day Laborers & the State (Chris Tilly, University of California Los Angeles)
 - Waste Pickers & Participatory Democracy (Sonia Dias, NEPEM/Federal University of Minas Gerais & WIEGO)
- 10:15-10:45 Tea & Coffee Break
- 10:45-12:15 **Informal Workers & Social Policy:** Chair, Lin Lim (ex-ILO & WIEGO Board)
- The Place of Informal Workers and the Informal Economy in Approaches to Social Protection (Francie Lund, ex-University of KwaZulu Natal & WIEGO)
 - Adding Methodological Thickness to the Study of Social Policy & Informal Workers in the Development Context: Relational Approaches & Adverse Incorporation (Laura Alfes, Rhodes University & WIEGO)
 - Informal Work in a Context of Urbanization & Migration: Reflections on Future Social Policy Debates in Asia (Sarah Cook, UNICEF)
 - Delinking and Rethinking Social Protection for Women in Informal Employment: Perspectives from Latin America (Silke Staab, UN Women)
- 12:15-13:15 Lunch
- 13:15-14:45 **Informality & Development Revisited:** Chair, William Steel (University of Ghana & WIEGO Board)
- chairs of each panel to summarize key points raised in their sessions
- 14:45-15:15 Tea & Coffee Break
- 15:15-16:45 **Future of Informality: Key Research Issues:** Co-Chairs, Marty Chen & Sally Roever (WIEGO)
- go-around with all participants:
- 16:45-17:45 **Closing Reflections:** Marty Chen & Sally Roever (WIEGO)