

2017 Qc -On
Forum on
(Im)migrant
Workers'
Rights

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Thursday, Nov 16, 2017

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

McGill University

Thomson House Ballroom

LIVING AND LABOURING UNDER
STATE THREATS OF WORKER STATUS REVOCATION,
DETENTION, AND REMOVAL

1:00-1:15 pm

Welcoming Remarks - (Im)migrant Worker Status Revocation, Detention, Repatriation/Deportation: The Need for a Better Impact Assessment - Kazue Takamura, Ph.D., Faculty Lecturer, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University

1:15-2:45 pm

Policies Threatening Revocation of Worker/Resident Status: Impact on the Labour and Fundamental Rights of (Im)migrant Workers

State Threats of Legal Status Revocation: Post-Slavery Laws Enduring in Canada and Abroad as Temporary Labour (Im)migration Policies - Eugénie Depatie-Pelletier, LL.D. Can, University of Montreal

Replacement Parts: Disposability of Migrant Workers in the Canadian Labour Market - Dr. Denise L. Spitzer, Professor, the Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, University of Ottawa

Employer-Tied: Working in Fear of State Sanction and Obstacles to the Exercise of Fundamental Rights in Canada - Hannah Deegan, Lawyer, 'Collective Defense of Rights' Project Coordinator ADDPD/ARHW

3:00-4:45 pm

Decades of (mostly) Small and Bitter-sweet Victories: Roundtable on the Limits of Individualized Support to Workers facing Status Loss, Detention, and/or Removal Chair: Kazue Takamura, Ph.D. Faculty Lecturer, McGill University

Walter Tom, Lawyer, PINAY

Chris Ramsaroop, Workers' Rights Activist, Justicia 4 Migrant Workers

Santiago Escobar, Community Worker, UFCW

Kara Manso & Anna Malla, Community Organizer, Caregiver Action Center

Belia Berrocal, Community Legal Worker, IAVGO

Jessica Ponting, Community Legal Worker, IAVGO

Maryth Yachnin, Staff Lawyer, IAVGO

Niiti Simmonds & Jackie Esmonde, Staff Lawyers, Income Security Advocacy Centre

Francisco Mootoo, Worker and Member, Association des Travailleuses et Travailleurs Étrangers Temporaires

Mostafa Henaway, Immigrant Workers Center

4:45- 5:00 pm

Concluding Remarks - Moving Beyond the Search for Labour Law Remedies: The Case for a Charter Challenge of the Abusive Aspects of Labour (Im)migration Programs - Jessye Kilburn, ADDPD/ARHW