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Labor Markets, Income Inequality and Globalization

In an increasingly globalized marketplace, both labor markets and wealth inequality know no geopolitical boundaries. Is it possible to address problems of income and wealth inequality in one nation in isolation? How do undocumented immigrant workers and guest workers affect the U.S. labor market? Who is harmed, who benefits? What are the potential strategies for change?

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Mark Rank, Herbert S. Hadley Professor of Social Welfare, Johns Hopkins University

Alan Reynolds, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute

Lingxin Hao, Professor, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University

Joel Handler, Richard C. Maxwell Professor of Law and Geography and Chair, Center for Latin American Studies, Duke University

Moderator:

Stephen Berzon, Partner, Alshuler Berzon LLP

Panelists:

Ana Avendano, Associate General Counsel and Director of the Immigrant Worker Program, AIL-CIO

Jonathan Forman, Alfred P. Murrah Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma

Kent Greenfield, Professor of Law and Law Fund Research Scholar, Boston College

Patricia McCoy, George J. & Helen M. Engdahl Professor of Law, University of Connecticut

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Welcome and Introduction  

Keynote Address  

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2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

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Melody Barnes, Executive Vice President for Policy, Center for American Progress

Panelists:

Mary Beth Maxwell, Executive Director, Americans for Real Rights at Work

Jill Quanerlo, Research Associate, Budget and Tax Center, NC, Justice Center

Michael Selmi, Professor of Law, George Washington University

Michael Zweig, Professor, Department of Economics and Director, Center for the Study of Working Class Life, Stony Brook University

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Reception