

2012 Alex Macdonald Lecture

From Bullockies to Baristas: The Challenge of Combating Insecure Work in Australia

Dr. Iain Campbell



5.30pm for 6.00pm
Thurs 17 May
Level 2 TLC Building
16 Peel St
South Brisbane

***free admission**
***refreshments available**

In this lecture Iain Campbell examines the historical background to the spread of insecure (or 'precarious') work in Australia. He considers the significance of insecure work and the causes of its resurgence in recent decades. In particular, he focuses on the successful struggles in the past to reduce insecurity in employment. What are the lessons of these struggles? What are their limits? What needs to be invented to fit the changed labour markets of the twenty-first century?

Dr. Iain Campbell researches labour restructuring, precarious work, temporary migrant labour, working-time patterns and work-life balance at RMIT Centre for Applied Social Research, has written books on casualisation, and was a key expert witness at the Reasonable Hours and Family Provisions Test Cases and recent Federal Inquiry into insecure work in Australia.

The Alex Macdonald lecture is an annual event organised by the Brisbane Labour History Association. It commemorates former Qld TLC Secretary Alex Macdonald and the critical role unions have played in the Qld Labour Movement.



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