Welcome to Labor and the Global Economy, a course offered by the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations of Rutgers University to undergraduate students. This course is designed to enable students to understand the challenges posed by corporate-led globalization to the efforts of workers and their institutions to promote their interests and preserve their communities.


**Books to Buy:**
*Capital Moves* by Jefferson Cowie
*The Children of NAFTA* by David Bacon

Books are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

**Schedule of Classes:**
Class One – January 17 Introduction
Film: China Blue
Class Two – January 24  The Age of Mass Production: Camden
Required Reading: Cowie, pp. 1-40

Class Three – Jan. 31, Bloomington
Required Reading: Cowie, 41-99

Class Four – Feb. 7 Ciudad Juarez and Back to Bloomington
Required Reading: Cowie, 100-151

Class Five - Feb. 14 The Double Struggle in Ciudad Juarez
Required Reading: Cowie, 152-209

Class Six Feb. 21 The Children of Nafta
Required Reading: Bacon, 1-41
First Paper Assignment Due

Class Seven Feb. 28 Putting Solidarity on the Table
Required Reading: Bacon, 42-79

Class Eight March 6 Han Young
Required Reading: Bacon, 80-120, 151-184

Class Nine March 20 Duro Means Hard
Required Reading: Bacon, 185-251

Class Ten March 27 Offshoring
Second Paper Assignment Due
Reading: David Weil, see sakai site.

Class Eleven April 4 The Rana Plaza Case for Regulation
Reading: (see sakai site)

Class Twelve April 11 Immigration and Precarity: Port Trucking
Required Reading: Bensman. www.demos.org/sites/default/files/publications/Port
Trucking Down the Low Road.pdf

Class Thirteen April 18 Immigration and Precarity: Warehousing
Required Reading: Martino and Bensman, “Regular Work in an Irregular Economy”
Martino (see sakai site)

Class Fourteen April 25 Globalization and Precarious Work:
Reading: Bensman and Kesselman, (see Sakai site).

Assignments:
Students will write three short papers (3-5 pages).

**Grading Policy:**
Attendance will count as 15% of grade.
Participation will count as 15% of grade.
The first paper will count as 20% of the grade. The second and third papers will count as 25% of the grade.

Papers will be graded on originality, use of evidence, clarity, and persuasiveness. Please familiarize yourself with Department guidelines on citation and plagiarism.