Progressive Economics Forum Events
At the Canadian Economics Association
Meeting
Concordia University, Montreal, May 26-28, 2006

Please join us at the CEA conference for our annual general meeting and wine & cheese party:

**Friday May 26, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**
(Location: Au Bistro Gourmet, 2100 rue Saint-Mathieu, at Maisonneuve, 2 blocks east of Henry Hall Building, Concordia U.)

Guest Speaker: Prof. Gilles Distaler (UQAM)
“**Keynes and his Battles: What They Mean for Canada**”
2006 marks the 70th Anniversary of the publication of the General Theory. Hear Prof. Distaler (a leading global expert on Keynes) discuss its continuing significance.

The PEF will sponsor the following panel discussions at the CEA meetings. Register for the conference at www.economics.ca. Room locations will be announced in the conference program.

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**Fri. May 26 10:30 - 12:00**

**PEF II: Themes in Social Policy**  
*Thèmes en politique sociale*

**Chair**
- Nick Falvo (Street Health)

**Presentations**

- **Gimme Shelter: Homelessness and Canada's Social Housing Crisis**  
  - Nick Falvo (Street Health)

- **With Friends Like These: The Corporate Response to Fair Trade**  
  - Mara Fridell (University of Oregon)  
  - Ian Hudson (University of Manitoba)  
  - Mark Hudson (University of Oregon)

- **Lies, Damned Lies, and Trade Statistics: The Import Content of Canadian Exports**  
  - Erin Weir (University of Calgary)

**Discussants**
- Marc-Andre Pigeon (Carleton University)  
- Mario Seccareccia (University of Ottawa)  
- John Smithin (York University)  
- Erin Weir (University of Calgary)

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**Friday May 26 14:00 - 15:30**

**PEF III: Collective Bargaining's Dubious Future**  
*L'avenir incertain de la négociation collective*

**Chair**
- Roy J. Adams (McMaster University)

**Presentations**

- **The Decline of Free Collective Bargaining in the Public Sector**  
  - Derek Fudge (NUPGE)

- **The Decline of Collective Bargaining in the Private Sector**  
  - Roy J. Adams (McMaster University)

- **Have Canadian Workers Lost Their Voice?**  
  - Rafael Gomez (London School of Economics & Political Science)  
  - Morley Gunderson (University of Toronto)

- **The Decline of Collective Bargaining: Economic and Social Implications**  
  - Andrew Jackson (Senior Economist, Canadian Labour
Saturday May 27 08:30 - 10:00

**PEF IV: Financialization and Contemporary Capitalism**

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|               | Financialization as Differential Accumulation: The Case of Pharmaceutical Sector  
Marc-André Gagnon (York University) |
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Eric Pineault (Université du Québec à Montréal)  
Frédéric Hanin (Laval University) |
|               | Industrial Investment and Financialization: The Case of Large Canadian Corporations  
Jim Stanford (Economist, Canadian Auto Workers) |

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