



# LaborComm 2010

## International Labor and Communication Conference

May 3rd-4th 2010, Ankara, TURKEY

### As a part of The Fifth International Labor Film & Video Festival\*

Labor communication academics and activists will come together during the International Labor and Communication Conference as a part of the Fifth International Labor Film Festival on the 3rd and 4th of May 2010, in Ankara, Turkey.

### Call for Papers

The global crisis of capitalism is taking a grim toll on working people and the labor movement. Is labor condemned to misery and poverty or can it organize an effective response and go on the offensive? Organized or not, when labor takes on the role of an expression of dissent or social resistance to a global crisis, it demands attention.

LaborComm 2010 aims to assess the impact of the global economic crisis on working people and the labor movement, and also to investigate the way in which acts of resistance use new media. It will strive to interrogate emerging models of communication and to provoke innovative debates about the mechanisms for empowering resistance in the labor movement. LaborComm hopes to expose both the roots and deadlocks of the resistance with creative thinking and debate.

Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- The political economy of communication
- Labor/worker issues in the media
- Theories of intellectual labor
- Labor processes in the media/telecommunication/information industries
- New communication technology at workplaces
- The impact of the global crisis on the working conditions of the ICT workers
- Comparing the cross-cultural experiences of ICT use
- The alternative uses of ICTs in labor communication
- Organizing labor in communication industries
- Strengthening the resistance and the use of ICTs
- Labor activism in the world
- Profiling the initiatives and organizations using media technology and responding to the crisis in radical and innovative ways



**Time Schedule:**

**January 31 2010:** Deadline to submit abstracts. Abstracts (max. 500 words) should be sent to [info@laborcomm.org](mailto:info@laborcomm.org)

**February 15 2010:** Results of the selection process.

**April 15 2010:** Presenters submit their completed papers. Complete papers should be sent to [info@laborcomm.org](mailto:info@laborcomm.org)

The event will be streamed live and all sessions will be available for viewing over the internet

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**The main Call For Papers and information about other conference arrangements are on the Conference Website at [www.laborcomm.org](http://www.laborcomm.org)**

(\*)The **International Labor Film Festival** has been held between May 1st and May 9th since 2006. The festival is organized by the Turkish Medical Association , Halkevleri and 7 labor unions from the largest 3 labor confederations. It screens labor films in the largest 15 cities in Turkey. This year the festival will be held between May1st and May 9th, 2010, where 50 films from 25 countries will be screened. Many producers from several countries will participate in the event. For more information please visit: <http://festival.sendika.org/>