

Abbreviated Schedule

Thursday, April 26th					
6 to 7 PM	Registration and theatrical productions				
7 to 7:15 PM	Opening Ceremony				
7:15 to 8:15 PM	Opening panel: (simultaneous translation available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delocalisation towards Asia: observations and alternatives <i>Carole Crabbé (CCC)</i> - Demystifying responsible purchasing: typology of an effervescent sector <i>Corinne Gendron (UQAM)</i> - Responsible purchasing policies and codes of conducts: positive impacts in the south <i>Renato Pambid (WAC)</i> - Codes of conduct: can they reinforce the power and abilities of organized labour in the applicable countries? <i>Anne-Marie Saulnier (CRIMT)</i> 				
8:15 to 9 PM	Questions and reactions				
9 to 10 PM	Cocktail				
Friday, April 27th					
8: 30 to 9 AM	Registration				
9 to 9: 30 AM	Overview of the day's activities and tool presentation.				
9: 30 to 11 AM	Second Panel: (simultaneous translation available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RPP's: What are they? Why do these policies exist? <i>Kevin Thomas (MSN - ETAG)</i> - What is a responsible code of conduct? Testimony from a Canadian company with foreign activities. <i>Marc Blais (MEC)</i> - The social audit: how are verifications conducted in southern factories? <i>Scott Nova (WRC)</i> - Codes of Conduct of Canadian companies and public policies: resources for international collective action? <i>Guylaine Vallée (University of Montreal and CRIMT)</i> 				
11 to 11:15 AM	Break				
11: 15 AM to 12: 30 PM	Workshop 1 RPP's, Impact on companies, workers and unions	Workshop 2 RPP's, Impact on public institutions and society	Workshop 3 International campaigns and responsible products	Workshop 4 RPP'S Student strategies versus admin.	Workshop 5 RPP's Student associatio ns and cafes
12:30 to 2 PM	Lunch at the Commensal Restaurant (10% rebate for participants)				
2 to 2: 30 PM	Conference 1 Responsible distributors: a pilot project by Belgian unionists <i>(Carole Crabbé – Clean Clothes)</i>	Conference 2 Putting in place RPP within a union <i>(Patrick Rondeau – SEPB)</i>	Conference 3 Developing a list of responsible suppliers <i>(Scott Nova – WRC)</i>	Conference 4 The Consultative Comittee on Socially Responsible Purchases and Investments of University of Montreal <i>(Jean Mc Neil)</i>	Conference 5 The power and limitations of international campaigns <i>(Renato Pambid – WAC)</i>
2: 30 to 3 PM	Break				
3 to 4 PM	Plenary (simultaneous translation available)				
4 to 4: 30 PM	Closing Ceremony				

Detailed Schedule

Thursday, April 26th

Simultaneous translation available throughout the evening
Local DSR-510

6 PM: Registration – During this hour there will be a series of theatrical productions by university students on site.

7 PM: Opening Ceremonies and an overview of the symposium.

7:15 PM: First panel

1. **Delocalisation towards Asia:** observations and alternatives (Carole Crabbé, Clean Clothes Campaign (CCC) - Belgium)
2. **Demystifying responsible purchasing: typology of an effervescent sector** (Corinne Gendron, Chair Social responsibility and Sustainable development – UQAM - Montreal)
3. **Responsible purchasing policies and codes of conduct: positive impacts in the south** (Renato Pambid, Workers Assistance Centre (WAC) - Philippines)
4. **Codes of conduct: can they reinforce the power and abilities of organized labour in the applicable countries?** (Anne-Marie Saulnier, Interuniversity research center on globalization and labour (CRIMT) – Montreal)

8:15 PM: Questions and reactions

9 PM: Cocktail (Hall of DSR-510)

Friday, April 27th

8:30 AM: Registration

9 – 9:30 PM: Overview of the day's activities and tool presentation

9:35 – 11 AM: Second panel (simultaneous translation available) Local DRS-510

1. **What is a Responsible purchasing policy (RPP)? Why do these policies exist? What are the potential impacts of international economic agreements on these policies?** (Kevin Thomas, Maquila Solidarity Network (MSN) and Ethical Trading Action Group (ETAG) – Toronto)
2. **What is a responsible conduct code? Testimony from a Canadian company with foreign activities** (Marc Blais, Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC) - Montreal)
3. **The social audit: how are verifications conducted in southern factories?** (Scott Nova, Workers Right Consortium (WRC) – Washington DC)
4. **Codes of Conduct of Canadian companies and public policies: resources for international collective action?** (Guylaine Vallée, School of Industrial Relations at University of Montreal and a member of the Interuniversity research centre on globalization and labour (CRIMT) – Montreal)

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM: Simultaneous workshops:

Workshop 1: (DS-M540)

Presenter: Carole Crabbé, CCC

Moderator: Isabelle Coulombe, FTQ

- How is the implementation, by companies, of responsible conduct codes beneficial for workers and businesses here?
- Is purchasing locally and union produced goods sufficient to ensure acceptable working conditions?
- Does the state have a responsibility regarding responsible purchases? What is it?

Workshop 2: (DS-M440)

Presenter: Kevin Thomas, ETAG

Moderator: Hugues Rondeau, CSN

- How is the adoption of RPPs profitable for society?
- How can unionized and non-unionized employees of public institutions participate in the promotion of a more responsible society?
- Does the state have a responsibility regarding responsible purchases? What is it?

Workshop 3: (DS-M280)

Presenter: Luc Richard, OXFAM-Québec

Moderator: Marc Thibeault-Bellerose, FIQ

- Which tools are useful for improving the condition of workers in the manufacturing sector in southern countries? Do international campaigns have a key role to play? What lessons can we conclude from previous international campaigns?
- Giving preference to responsible products in supplying our organizations: at what cost?
- Does the state have a responsibility regarding responsible purchases? What is it?

Workshop 4: (DS-1525)

Presenters: Isabelle Lepage and Philippe Bélanger, Student members of the SCRUTÉ, University of Montreal.

Moderator: André Marcoux, AREQ

- How can students promote RPPs on their campus and what is their power? What strategies should be adopted to pressure one's university/student association to adopt a RPP?
- Does the state have a responsibility regarding responsible purchases? What is it?

Workshop 5: (DS-1580)

Presenters: Marjolaine Rodier-Sylvestre and Emmanuelle Pin, Conductors of a research on suppliers of university student associations at Montreal universities.

Moderator: Robert Marois, CSQ

- What is the role of student associations regarding RPPs? How can student associations adopt and apply a RPP?
- How can student cafés be more responsible?
- Presentation of the results of the research on suppliers of university student associations at Montreal universities
- Does the state have a responsibility regarding responsible purchases? What is it?

12:30 – 2 PM: Lunch at the Commensal Restaurant (10% rebate for participants)

2 – 2:40 PM: Simultaneous conferences – Campaign presentations

Conference 1: (DS-M540) Responsible distributors: a pilot project initiated by Belgian unionists (Carole Crabbé, CCC).

Conference 2: (DS-M440) Putting in place a RPP within a union: a case study of SEPB Quebec (Patrick Rondeau, SEPB Quebec).

Conference 3: (DSR-510) Developing a list of responsible suppliers: who is responsible? (Scott Nova, WRC).

Conference 4: (DS-1525) The Consultative Committee on Socially Responsible Purchases and Investments of the University of Montreal (Jean McNeil, committee chair)

Conference 5: (DS-M280) The power and limitations of international campaigns: a case study of a campaign aimed at Wal-Mart (Renato Pambid, WAC)

2:40 – 3 PM: Break

3 PM: Plenary

4 – 4:30 PM: Closing ceremony