FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2002

9:00 – 9:30  Registration

9:30 – 10:00  Opening Session
Porus Olpadwala, Dean, College of Architecture, Art & Planning
Lourdes Benería, Director, Gender and Global Change Program

10:15 – 11:45  Panel 1
The Informal Economy: Emerging Realities and Changing Definitions
Chair: Philip McMichael, Cornell University

- Lin Lim, ILO
  Decent Work and the Informal Economy

- Juan Pablo Pérez-Sainz, FLACSO, Central America
  New Tendencies of Labor Exclusion in Latin America

- Marty Chen, Harvard University
  Reconceptualizing the Informal Economy: Production and Employment Relations

12:00 – 1:00  Keynote Address
Chair: Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University

- Mirai Chatterjee, SEWA, India
  Social Protection in the Changing World of Work: Experiences of Informal Women Workers in India.
2:30 – 4:00  Panel 2  
Jobs and Poverty: Informalization Jobs, Insecurity and Vulnerability  
Chair: William Goldsmith, Cornell University  

- Ragui Assaad, University of Minnesota  
  *Informalization and De-Feminization in the Egyptian Labor Market: Explaining the Unexpected Pattern*  

- Maria Floro and Lourdes Beneria, American University and Cornell University  
  *Gender Constructs and Labor Market Informalization Homeworking, Finance and Bargaining Power*  

- Pat Horn, StreeNet Association, South Africa  
  *The Realities, the Organizing Strategies, and Policy Priorities of Street Vendors and their Organizations*

4:15 – 5:45  Panel 3  
Informality and the City  
Chair: Rolf Pendall, Cornell University  

- Faranak Miraftab, University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign  
  *Privatization and Casualization of Labor: The Case of Waste Collection Services in Cape Town, South Africa*  

- Edesio Fernandes, University College, London  
  *Urban Land, Housing and Informality*  

- Neema Kudva, Cornell University  
  *Informality in Urban Space*  

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2002  
9:30 – 11:00  Panel 4  
Rethinking Social Protection, Workers Rights and Collective Voice  
Chair: Shelley Feldman. Cornell University  

- Renana Jhabvala and Ravi Kanbur, SEWA and Cornell University  
  *Globalization and Economic Reform as Seen from the Ground: SEWA’s Experiences in India*  

- Armando Barrientos, IDPM University of Manchester  
  *Social Protection and Informal Employment in Latin America: From the Weak to the Strong*  

- Chris Benner, Pennsylvania State University
11:30 – 1:00  Panel 5  
**Legal and Institutional Frameworks of Informalization**  
Chair: Bernie D. Jones, Visiting Scholar, Cornell Law School  
- Kathy Stone, Cornell University  
  *The Impact of Boundaryless Workplaces on Social Protection and Labor Law*  
- Juan Arbona, Bryn Mawr College  
  *The Informal Sector and Urban Politics in El Alto, Bolivia*  
- Muneer Ahmad, American University Law School  
  *The Role of Labor Law and the Informal Economy*  

3:00 – 4:30  Panel 6  
**Linking Work and Poverty Elimination: Distribution vs. Redistribution Strategies**  
Chair: Rosemary Batt, Cornell University  
- Kaushik Basu, Cornell University  
  *The Global State of Child Labor: What Should Be Done?*  
- Thea Lee, AFL/CIO  
  *Decent Work and the Informal Economy*  
- Bob Polin and James Heintz, University of Massachusetts  
  *The Role of the Informal Sector in Creating Global Labor Standards*  

5:00 – 6:00  Concluding Session: Round Table with all Participants  
Chair: Neema Kudva, Cornell University  
*Comments:* John Langmore, ILO and Neema Kudva  

6:15 – 7:15  Reception