**Pension Funds in the Era of Financialized Capitalism:**

**A Critical Appraisal**

**JANUARY 15, 2016**

**University of Toronto Faculty House**

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|  | 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  **Cynthia Williams**, Osler Chair in Business Law, and Co-Director, Centre for Law and Political Economy (CLPE), Osgoode Hall Law School |
| **1** | 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM  **Financialization of Capitalism and the Constraints on and Potentials of Pension Funds**  Chair: **Andrew Pendleton**, Professor of Human Resource Management, Durham University Business School  Panelists:  **Bernard Mees**, Financialization and its Effects, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia  **Stephen Maher**, Corporate Restructuring in the Era of Neoliberal Financialization, York University, Toronto, ON  **Keith Johnson**, Expanded Potential for Expanded Fiduciary Power, Reinhart, Boerner, Van Deuran, Madison, WI |
|  | 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM  **Coffee Break** |
| **2** | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  **Pension fund activism**  Chair: **Simon Archer,** Koskie, Minsky, Toronto, ON and Co-Director, Centre for Law and Political Economy, Osgoode Hall Law School  Panelists:  **Christian Parenti,** Fossil-Fuel Divestment, New York University  **Chris Roberts**, The Limits of Pension-Fund Environmentalism, Canadian Labour Congress  **Michael Bueckert**, Boycotts, divestment, sanctions, Carleton University |
|  | 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  **Lunch** |
| **3** | 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  **Labour’s Capital**  Chair: **Larry Beeferman**, Harvard University Law School, Pensions & Capital Stewardship Project  Panelists:  **Kevin Skerrett**, In Whose Interest are Workers’ Pension Funds Investing in Privitization?, Canadian Union of Public Employees  **David Webber**, Uses and Abuses of Labor’s Capital, Boston University Law School  **Johanna Weststar (with Anil Verma),** Aspirations and Realities of Labour in Pension Fund Governance, University of Western Ontario |
|  | 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM  **Coffee Break** |
| **4** | 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM  **Rethinking Retirement Provision and Pension Fund Activism**  Chair: Kevin Skerrett, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)  Panelists:  **Teresa Ghilarducci and Marshall Auerback**, Financialization of Social Security: The Consequences of Asset-Based Social Insurance, The New School  **Simon Archer**, Financialization, the Fiduciary Principle, and the Political Economy of Pension Fund Decision-Making, Koskie, Minsky, Toronto, and CLPE Co-Director  Discussion: Future directions for research and activism |