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Labour Power in the Electronics Manufacturing: A Stakeholder Consultation

A round-table organized as part of the research project on
[Sustainable Market Actors and Responsible Trade \(SMART\)](#)

8 March, 2019

Conference Room P5401, 5/F,

[Yeung Kin Man Academic Building](#),

City University of Hong Kong

- 8:30** Registration and coffee
- 9:00** **Welcoming remarks**
- Prof. Surya Deva**, Associate Director, HRLF, City University Hong Kong, **Han Dongfang**, Executive Director of China Labour Bulletin and **Dr. Maja van der Velden**, Department of Informatics, University of Oslo
- Introduction of roundtable participants
- 09:30** **Ongoing labor issues in the electronics sector in China**
- Moderator: Maja van der Velden
- World factory after 2008: Mapping strikes and protests in China's electronics industry — Aidan Chau, CLB**
- Student interns as even lower cost labour – The survival of electronics manufacturing in China — Michael Ma Ho Yin, SACOM**
- The Chinese vehicle battery industry and its global influence — Au Lap Hang, LESN**
- Discussion*
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** **Workers as agents of change in the workplace in Asia**
- Moderator: Mark Taylor
- Action Asia: Experiences from the Ground — Omana George, AMRC**
- Empowering the workers in China — Han Dongfang, CLB**
- Discussion*
- 12:00** **Working Lunch** - Panel discussion on **Gender and Work in the Electronics Sector**



13:30 **Role of regulation in promoting wages and working conditions**

Moderator: Mark Taylor

How much protection does the law provide to China's workers — Jonathan Isaacs, Baker McKenzie

The effectiveness of administrative labor mediation in a Chinese county — He Xin, HKU Law School

Discussion

14:45 Break

15:00 **Options for global and regional solidarity**

Chair-moderator: Kan Matusazaki, IndustriAll

Cobalt and mobile phones – Towards an ethical battery? — William Nee, Amnesty International

Repressed forms of workers' struggle, to improve their income — Dimitri Kessler
Economic Rights Institute

Discussion

16:15 Break

16:30 **Policy options and global regulation**

Moderator: Olga Martin-Ortega

Globalizing human rights due diligence — Surya Deva, City University Hong Kong

Due diligence via global value chains, what can the EU do? — Mark Taylor, Fafo

Discussion

17:45 **Final wrap up and thanks**

Three organizers

19:00 Dinner for participants (venue to be announced)



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Participants

Aidan Chau, China Labour Bulletin

Surya Deva, Associate Professor, School of Law, City University Hong Kong

Sophie Chen, Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehavior (SACOM)

Wang Danqing, China Labour Bulletin

Han Dongfang, Executive Director, China Labour Bulletin

Omana George, Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC)

Victoria Gronwald, Levin Sources Ltd

Alejandro González, International Coordinator, GoodElectronics

Au Lap Hang, Labour Education and Service Network (LESN)

He Xin, Professor, HKU Law School

Jonathan Isaacs, Baker McKenzie

Dimitri Kessler, Economic Rights Institute

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