

**Call for Submissions: Special Issue of Mexico, Labor Movement
Journal of Labor and Society**

The editors of *Journal of Labor and Society* (LANDS) invite submissions for a special issue on the Mexican workers and labor movement in the contemporary era.

The Mexican working class has undergone a tumultuous and uncertain period of change and reconstitution that has had significant consequences for the Mexican labor movement over the past three decades since the 1976 creation of the Export Processing Zone on the US border, a key attraction for foreign direct investment and industrial and union restructuring, spreading throughout the country after passage of NAFTA. In the last decade since the Great Financial Crisis of 2008, given the relatively low wages of Mexican laborers, capital investment has steadily expanded. The domination of the state and capital and ossified and hollowed out labor organizations have contributed to greater FDI flows into the industrial sector. The rejuvenation of industry has not contributed to an organized workers movement, as would be expected. To a degree, low strike rate is indicative of the most repressive state forms of authoritarianism. However, over the past decade, workers have engaged in militant spontaneous labor strikes, which have gone ‘undocumented’ in the mainstream and even labor press. The special call also includes questions of the peasantry, indigenous struggles, and imperialism and Mexico’s political economy.

LANDS invites research and essays evaluating the Mexican labor movement:

Including:

- The nature of contemporary worker activism and strikes
- The labor movement, established unions and non-established organizations
- Indigenous struggles in Mexico
- Mining sector strikes
- NGOs
- Mexican labor law and the industrial relations system
- FDI, capital relocation and investment and effect on workers
- Unemployment and precarious labor – capitalized and undercapitalized sectors
- Mexico’s social welfare state: housing, health, education
- Logistics and Mexican workers (warehousing, transportation, etc.)
- Development of class-based organizations and areas of resistance to state/capital
- Transnational Labor Campaigns
- imperialism and the Mexican economy,

Deadline for Abstracts: June 1, 2018

All submissions are peer reviewed.

If you would like to submit a manuscript for publication in *Journal of Labor and Society*, we invite you to do so through the ScholarOne online manuscript submission portal. If you have any questions, email Immanuel Ness, co-editor: iness@brooklyn.cuny.edu

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