



# Open Forum

## “Informal Workers in a Global Economy”

Thursday 28 February 2013, 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Room 1.219, University Place (Building no. 37 on the campus map)  
Followed by a reception in the first floor foyer. All welcome.

This Open Forum will examine recent trends and policy debates on the informal economy with a focus on contracted labour in global value chains and informal livelihoods in global cities. It is hosted by Capturing the Gains ([www.capturingthegains.org](http://www.capturingthegains.org)) and Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing ([www.wiego.org](http://www.wiego.org)).

Chair: Professor David Hulme (IDPM and BWPI, University of Manchester)

*The Informal Economy: Recent Trends & Current Debates*  
Marty Chen (Harvard Kennedy School and WIEGO Network)

*Contract Labour in Global Production Networks: Formal or Informal Labour?*  
Stephanie Barrientos (IDPM and BWPI, University of Manchester)

*Informal Livelihoods in Global Cities: A Critical Analysis of Economic and Policy Trends*  
Caroline Skinner (African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town and WIEGO Network)