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## **When Work Hardly Pays: *A Conversation with Guy Standing***



**Date:** Wednesday 30 August 2017,

**Talk starts:** 5.30pm-7.30pm (5pm refreshments & mingling)

**Venue:** LG.01, University of Waikato, Hamilton

Paid work has long been considered the 'solution' for reducing poverty and inequality. Yet, this assumption overlooks the reality that today over half of the world's poor are already engaged in paid work. The growing phenomenon of working poverty is also evident in Aotearoa/New Zealand reflecting the increasing deregulation and casualization of paid employment. Many of us have engaged in casual jobs on a temporary basis or as a stepping stone to a better career, but the precariat are those workers who remain trapped in low-paid and insecure employment for their working lives. Māori are over-represented amongst such precariat workers, which reflects a legacy of historical and structural inequities. Consequently, the Māori precariat face a range of hardships and challenges in sustaining their income, health, and ability to flourish in society.

This public event will begin with an outline of a research project titled '*Precarious Maori households in austere times*'. This project will be introduced by Dr Mohi Rua, Professor Darrin Hodgetts and Dr Otilie Stolte, and is funded by the Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Mauri Ora - Human Flourishing stream. Then, Dr Bill Cochrane and Dr Thomas Stubbs will present a demographic silhouette of the Māori precariat. Subsequently, Professor Guy Standing, a leading international scholar, will offer his insights on the precariat and open for audience questions and discussion. This event and Guy's visit are hosted by the Māori & Psychology Research Unit at the University of Waikato.

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