

# The Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

## Asian Immigrants, Labor Struggles, & Economic Justice in LA: *Where have we been and where are we headed?*

The growing Asian population in Southern California is increasingly constituted by immigrants, and “Asian Pacific American (APA) workers are, with Latinos, the fastest growing group in the U.S. workforce and in organized labor” (CEPR 2009). Despite this, issues around labor and immigration in the United States have tended to center around the Latino experience. Media attention and political efforts often overlook Asian communities, but Asian immigrants continue to deal with their own set of integration issues including poverty, lack of authorization and labor exploitation.

Los Angeles remains a powerhouse for labor organizing but what are the challenges and opportunities for building an organizing infrastructure for Asian workers? What does this movement look like? How does it fit into the larger labor and immigrant movements? How are people addressing the needs of Asian immigrant workers from a policy perspective? And where are these movements headed?



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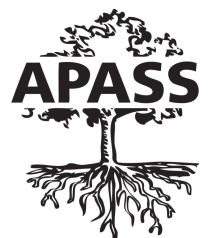
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