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February 20, 1991
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Dear

I am writing to confirm the holding of an afternoon seminar by The Workers' Party on the theme: the political relevance of social class. (A precise title is yet to be determined.) The seminar/conference will be held on Saturday, April 15, 1991 in MSF, 15 Merrion Square, D 2 from 2-5pm. The general structure of the afternoon is as follows:

"The changing class structure of Irish society"
Chris Whelan and Richard Breen (ESRI)
30 min.

"Structural changes in the Irish labour force"
James Wickham (TCD)
15 min.

"Gender and class"
Kathleen Lynch (UCD)
15 min.

"The new working class"
John Tierney (MSF)
15 min.

Discussion

Conclusion

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As I mentioned in previous conversations, the broad thrust of the conference should be to explore and assess the political and economic implications of the changing class structure of Ireland in terms of, inter alia, the structural changes in the labour force, new patterns of work, the new international division of labour, the relevance of "class". The audience will be largely a non-specialist one and I would see an attendance of about 40 as a likely target. By limiting the above contributions, I would hope to generate a lively discussion.

Please feel free to contact me about the proposals. Thank you very much for your participation in the seminar.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hazelkorn