

## Lecture Notes and Focus Questions #2.2 (Handout)

### Activity 2 Film: "Decent Factory"

1. What is the film about?
2. Which aspects of the factory did you find interesting?
3. Where do you think the impetus for the homogenization of labor standards came from?
4. What do you think about the working conditions for factory workers?
5. What would you suggest to the management to improve the labor conditions of factory workers?
6. Who has the power to change the working conditions for factory workers?

### Activity 4 Reading: "China and Global Labor Standards" by Bartley and Zhang

1. In the article, what kind of research questions do Bartley and Zhang address?
2. Provide a few examples of global and Chinese labor standards (factory certifications).
3. According to the authors, why is labor unrest on the rise in China?
4. Why do some Chinese factories seek to obtain a certification?
5. How did researchers measure working conditions in order to compare certified and uncertified firms?
6. What were their findings in their comparison between certified and uncertified firms?