

CfP for Book: Edited collection

***“A Historical Casebook of Wage Formation:
Wage determination and wage bargains of the pre industrial world”***

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We welcome paper proposals for above edited collection to be (provisionally) published by Palgrave in late 2024.

The analysis of wages and wages' series has been at the basis of economic and social history debates at least since the late nineteenth century. Recent literature (Mocarelli 2018; Stephenson 2018; Hatcher and Stephenson 2019; Humphries & Weisdorf 2019; Drelichman and González Agudo 2020); etc.) has revived an established interest in the economic history of wage formation (See Scholliers & Schwarz 2003)

After organizing a successful session at WEHC Paris 2022 (<https://www.wehc2022.org/program-details/wages-formation-and-determination-in-the-pre-industrial-period-and-beyond>) the editors seek to put the important cases of historical wage formation presented there into a scholarly format, edited into a collection which will be of interest and support to students of pre industrial labour markets and labour history. We call for papers to augment this collection which will examine historical cases of the determination of wages in early modern wage systems and bargains. We are particularly interested to include cases from the South American continent, east Asia and Africa, and in all locations beyond large institutional employers.

We expect and seek that submissions will include cases where the following are features or can be analyzed.

The role of in-kind and monetary payments, bonuses and supplements in the formation of remuneration.

The relationship between work contracts (annual, piece work, time work or task work) and the determination of wage rates.

The determinants of differentials between skilled and unskilled workers. The variety of wages in pre-industrial societies in relation with the characteristics of the workers.

Wages in a diachronic and comparative perspective: how wages' structure and composition changes across times and spaces (both in terms of geographical areas and urban-rural environments).

Please send your proposal as an abstract of 200 words and a short CV (1 page) to the editors (luca.mocarelli@unimib.it; giulio.ongaro@unimib.it; j.stephenson@ucl.ac.uk) by April 17th 2023.