

Free and Unfree Labour

Draft programme

14 December 2015

14:30–16:15: Group Meeting 1

Getting to know each other and our research.

16:45–18:15: Roundtable 1

What is “free” and “unfree” in labour relations?

Responsible: Juliane Schiel

Chair: Gwyn Cambell (or Anthony Reid) *(to be confirmed)*

Speakers (15 minutes each):

- Alain Blum (Paris)
- Ludolf Kuchenbuch (Berlin)
- Maria Luisa Pesante (Turin)
- Aurelia Martín Casares (Granada)
- Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/Oder)

The roundtable is especially meant for members of the working group “Free and Unfree Labour”, but other participants in the conference are of course welcome to join the discussion.

18:15–19:00: Apéro and Book Boxing

What’s new?

Sitting over a glass of wine, all members of the working group “Free and Unfree Labour” are invited to present recent publications connected labour history with an entertaining 2-minutes statement.

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9:00–10:45: Thematic session 1

Spatializing Free and Unfree Labour: Households, Workshops and Sex Industry

Responsible: Jesús Agua de la Roza

Chair/Commentator: N.N.

- Juliane Schiel: Spaces of Slave Labour in Late Medieval Venice
- Karsten Voss: What Liberty Could Mean: Male Slaves’ Struggles for the Right to Form Families Capable of Holding Rights in Early Colonial Saint-Domingue (1697–1715)
- Jesús Agua de la Roza/Victoria López Barahona: Between Free and Unfree, Paid and Unpaid Labour: Workshop-Schools in Eighteenth-Century Madrid
- Karwan Fatah-Black: Urban Slavery in Colonial Suriname

11:15–13:00: Thematic session 2

War and Labour Coercion

Responsible: Fernando Mendiola, Zhanna Popova

Chair/Commentator: N.N.

- Juan Carlos García Funes: Prisoners of War for After War Needs: the Keys of Spatial Location of the Discipline Battalions of Worker Soldiers (BDST) in After War Spain (1940–1945)
- Fernando Mendiola: Coercion, Unfree Labour and Skill Levels During Spanish Civil War: Railway Enterprises, Mining and Iron and Steel Industry in Comparative Perspective
- Mikhail Nakonechny: Prisoner Mortality in Late Imperial Russia (1885–1915) and the Soviet Union (1930–1953) in International Comparative Context
- Zhanna Popova: Vast Open-Air Prison: Katorga in Siberia

14:30–16:15: Thematic session 3

Early Modern Mediterranean Captivity: Conflicts, Interactions and Repercussions

Responsible: Tobias Auböck

Chair: Mario Klarer

- Joachim Östlund: Captivity from Scandinavia to North Africa
- Stefan Hanß: Mediterranean Captivity, Slave Labour, and Practices of Polyglotism (16th/17th c.)
- Tobias Auböck: Two Versions of the Truth: Representations of Class in Captivity Narratives
- Cecilia Tarruell: Freed, but not “free”? Degrees of Dependence Experienced by Former Captives upon their Return to Christian Lands

16:45–18:15: Roundtable 2

Is There a Historical Tendency From Free to Unfree Labour Relations?

Responsible: Matthias van Rossum

Chair: Simon Teuscher (or Gadi Algazi or Jakob Tanner) (*to be confirmed*)

Speakers (15 minutes each):

- Alessandro Stanziani (Paris)
- Marcel van der Linden (Amsterdam)
- Rosanna Barragan (Amsterdam)
- Magaly Rodríguez García (*to be asked*)
- Matthias van Rossum (Leiden)

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16 December 2015

9:00–10:45: Thematic session 4

Precariousness and Free/Unfree Labour at Global Level: Connections and Intersections in a Long Historical Perspective

Responsible: Eloisa Betti

Chair/Commentator: N.N.

- Christian De Vito: Labour Flexibility and Labour Precariousness in the Southern Cone (c. 1750s–1910s). Labour Commodification and the Interactions between “Free/Unfree” Labour Relations
- Tommaso Bobbio: Ahmedabad, India: Labour and the City, a Continuous Interdependence
- Eloisa Betti: Gender and Precarious Labour in Industrial and Post-Industrial Western Europe (XIX–XXI c.)
- Chiara Bonfiglioli: Precarious Lives in Post-Socialism: Transition Tales From the Croatian Garment Industry

- Patrícia Matos/Antonio Maria Pusceddu: Comparing Mining and Call Centre Labour. A View From Italy and Portugal on the Free-Unfree Labour Debate

11:15–12:30: Group Meeting 2

Discussion about future plans for the working group “Free and Unfree Labour”, e.g. developing the digital platform and improving internal communication; detailed planning for the sessions submitted for the ESSHC 2016 in Valencia; setting up a joint book project or programmatic article on free/unfree labour; setting up a joint project proposal.