



From the Perspective of Labour

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(SISLAV)

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and Dipartimento di Storia Culture e Civiltà dell'Università di Bologna;
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The creation of SISLAV has taken place in a period of sustained international interest in labour-related issues, favoured by the awareness that the structural causes of the economic crisis lie in the increase in social inequality and in the deterioration of workers' rights and their material and juridical conditions. Moreover, more refined research methodologies, better preservation and use of sources, and the enormous growth of experiences and contributions make historical reflection on the world of labour relevant to understanding the on-going processes of social, cultural, political and institutional transformation. SISLAV embraces interdisciplinary and diachronic approaches, and seeks to investigate labour history in the long-term, in order to shed light on the continuities, discontinuities, and dynamics by which multiple types of labour relations intertwined with the formation of social groups, identities, social and political behaviours, forms of organization and the brokerage of conflicting interests.

Thursday, 12 December 2013

Dipartimento Storia Culture Civiltà, Aula G. Prodi
Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2

9.30

Opening and introduction

Stefano Musso (Università di Torino, SISLAV President)

10.15/13.30

Session 1. Multiple labour relations and the process of commodification.

As shown by the transformations that have taken place in the last decades, both in the new areas of globalization and in the traditional locations of industrial society, the process of labour commodification is not necessarily linked to wage labour. The inputs stemming from global labour history, gender studies, post-colonial studies, and some reflections that already characterized the European historiographical tradition, help to reconsider (free/unfree, heteronomous/autonomous) labour relations beyond the 19th century model of the "wage society".

Alessandro Cristofori (Università della Calabria)

Free and unfree labour in the Roman world: Which freedom?

Raffaella Sarti (Università di Urbino)

The “freedom” of serfs in the Ancient Regime

Lorenzo D’Angelo (Università di Milano-Bicocca)

Who are the miners? Traces of subaltern labour in Sierra Leone

Ferruccio Ricciardi (Ehess, Paris)

”Lavoro a statuto” vs wage labour: borders and hybridization

Eloisa Betti (Università di Bologna)

Historicizing labour precariousness: a gender perspective

Organisers: **Pietro Causarano** (Università di Firenze) and **Christian De Vito** (University of Leicester)

Chair: **Stefano Musso** (Università di Torino)

15.15/18.30

Session 2.

Modern historians have largely focused on the making of the working class and labour-related identities. Standard issues, such as the forms of industrial labour, proletarianization, and political and trade organizations, match with scholarly interests in previous periods and other disciplines: spatial and social mobility, household models, networks, women’s role, sociability, and associationism.

Michele Colucci (Cnr, Napoli)

Territorial mobility

Maurizio Gribaudo (Ehess, Paris)

Workers’ places

Nicoletta Rolla (Università di Milano-Bicocca)

Networks

Anna Badino (Università di Torino)

Social mobility

Simona Cerutti (Ehess, Paris)

Workers’ (self-)representations

Organisers: **Stefano Gallo** (Cnr, Napoli) and **Michele Nani** (Cnr, Genova)

Chair: **Paolo Capuzzo** (Università di Bologna)

20.30

Dinner

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Session 3. Work and institutions

The juridical definition and institutional recognition of labour relations stand at the cross-roads between the discipline of history and the studies of jurisprudence and the State. The shift from status to contract and the juridification of labour

relations accompanied the formation of the modern State; the institutionalization of labour structures and agents influenced t workers' conditions and rights.

Maria Luisa Pesante (Università di Torino)

Serfdom and wage labour in historical perspective

Monica Stronati (Università di Macerata)

The paradigm of solidarity: capital, labor and mutualism

Antonio Loffredo (Università di Siena)

The contract between labour and non-labour

Valentina Fava (University of Helsinki)

Beyond the rule of law: factory regulations and company management

Ilaria Pavan (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

The welfare curve in Italy

Organisers: **Laura Cerasi** (Università di Genova), **Giulio Mellinato** (Università di Milano-Bicocca), and **Paolo Passaniti** (Università di Siena)

Chair: **Marica Tolomelli** (Università di Bologna)

15.00 Before Session 4

Carlo Galli (Pres. Fondaz. Gramsci Emilia-Romagna)

Labour in Modern Political Thought

15.30/18.45

Session 4. Men and women at work: organizations and conflicts

Labour organizations experienced multiple forms of representation and strategies of collective action, between conflict and mediation. Approaching this issue from a social perspective “from below”, the following features emerge: practices of everyday life, individual networks, the construction of subjective identities across various social groups, genders, ethnicities and generations.

Maria Grazia Meriggi (Università di Bergamo)

The world of labour in the Liberal age: mutualism and resistance, between cooperation and conflict

Maurizio Antonioli (Università di Milano):

Models and development of European trade unions

Fiorella Imprenti (Fondazione Aniasi, Milano)

Forms of representation and gender in labour organizations in the Liberal age

Andrea Ciampani (Università Lumsa – Roma)

Post-1945 unions between politics and society

Devi Sacchetto (Università di Padova)

Dissonance of migrant labour in Italy

Organisers: **Lorenzo Bertucelli** (Università di Modena-Reggio Emilia), **Debora Migliucci** (Archivio del Lavoro, Milano), and **Jorge Torre Santos** (Università di Milano)

Chair: **Luca Baldissara** (Università di Pisa - SISLAV Vice-President)

Saturday, 14 December 2013

Fondazione Gramsci Emilia-Romagna

Via Mentana, 2

9.30/12.30

General Assembly

14.30/17.00

Roundtable: Labour history today: issues, methodologies, perspectives

Participants: **Paolo Cammarosano** (Università di Trieste), **Nando Fasce** (Università di Genova), **Francesco Garibaldi** (Fondazione Sabattini - Bologna), **Angela Groppi** (Università di Roma-La Sapienza), **Germano Maifreda** (Università di Milano), **Irene Stolzi** (Università di Firenze).

Convenors: **Luca Baldissara** (Università di Pisa - SISLav Vice-President) and **Andrea Caracausi** (Università di Padova)

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