



Summer Academy 2011

Working Lives in Global History

Date: Monday, 3 October – Saturday, 8 October 2011

Conveners: IGK Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History
V. V. Giri National Labour Institute
Centre for Modern Indian Studies
Association of Indian Labour Historians

Venue: V. V. Giri National Labour Institute
Sector – 24
Noida 201301
Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)
India



Programme

Saturday, 1 October / Sunday, 2 October

Arrival in Delhi, Shuttle to V. V. Giri National Labour Institute Guesthouse, Noida

Monday, 3 October

- 10.00 **Address of Welcome**
V.P. Yajurvedi (V. V. Giri National Labour Institute)
Andreas Eckert (re:work)
Prabhu Mohapatra (Association of Indian Labour Historians)
Ravi Ahuja (Centre for Modern Indian Studies)
- 10.30 **Introduction: Andreas Eckert**
- 11.00 **Senior Lecture: Frederick Cooper**
Labour and Liberation: French West Africa, 1945-60
- 12.30 **Introduction into Group Work**
Ravi Ahuja
- 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 **Readings Session I: Can Labour History be Global?**
(Group Work 14.30-16.00; Plenary: 16.00-16.30)
Moderation: Sebastian Schwecke
- 16.30 **Coffee Break**
- 17.00 **Readings Session II: Varieties of Work**
(Group Work 17.00-18.30; Plenary: 18.30-19.00)
Moderation: Aditya Sarkar
- 20.00 **Welcome Dinner**
by Director General, V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida

Tuesday, 4 October

- 9.30 **Senior Lecture: Jacob Eyferth**
Change and Continuity in the Working Lives of Chinese Rural Women
under Socialism
- 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 **Senior Lecture: Sidney Chalhoub**
The Precariousness of Freedom in a Slave Society (Brazil in the
Nineteenth Century)
- 13.00 **Lunch**



- 14.30 **Readings Session III: Dynamics of Labour Relations**
(Group Work 14.30-16.00; Plenary: 16.00-16.30)
Moderation: Anne Mager
- 16.30 **Coffee Break**
- 17.00 **Senior Lecture: Philip Bonner**
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- 20.00 **Dinner**
V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida

Wednesday, 5 October

- 9.30 **City Excursion**
- 20.00 **Dinner**
Karim's, Old Delhi

Thursday, 6 October

- 9.30 **Senior Lecture: Friedrich Wilhelm Graf**
Religion and work ethic. Some comparative remarks
- 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 **Senior Lecture: Rahul Roy**
Working Lives in the City Beautiful (film and presentation)
- 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 **Project Session I**
Project Discussion in 3 Working Groups (Comparison of Themes, Methods, Sources etc.)
- 17.30 **Coffee Break**
- 18.00 **Senior Lecture: S. K. Sasikumar**
South Asia's Global Migrants
- 20.00 **Dinner**
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Friday, 7 October

- 9.30 **Archiving Working Lives**
Bhaskar Kowshik
- 10.00 **Project Session II**
Project Discussion in 3 Working Groups (Comparison of Themes, Methods, Sources etc.)
- 11.00 **Coffee Break**



- 11.30 **Project Session III**
Project Discussion in 3 Working Groups (Comparison of Themes, Methods, Sources etc.)
- 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 **Project Session IV**
Project Discussion in 3 Working Groups (Comparison of Themes, Methods, Sources etc.)
- 17.00 Departure of bus to India International Centre (IIC)
- 19.00 *Public Panel Discussion at the International Indian Center (IIC) in Delhi*
Global Labour History: Pathways and Potholes.
Introduction: Andreas Eckert
Panelists: Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Frederick Cooper, Jürgen Kocka
Moderation: Madhavan Palat
The event will also feature the launch of 'Rethinking Work: Global Historical and Sociological Perspectives' (eds: R. Behal, B. Fall and A. Mah).
- 21.00 **Reception**

Saturday, 8 October

- 9.30 **Results of Project Sessions (Group 1 & 2)**
- 11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 12.00 **Results of Project Sessions (Group 3)**
- 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 **Final Discussion**
Summary: Ravi Ahuja & Prabhu Mohapatra
- 18.00 **Farewell Party**

Sunday, 9 October

Departure, Shuttle to Airport



Overview Working Groups

Group 1

Shubhasree	Bhattacharyya	Work Songs in the Contemporary Urban Space
Stefan	Wellgraf	"Hauptschüler": The Cultural Production of Contempt and the Transition from School into the Labor Market in Germany
Ishita	Dey	Caste, Skill and Crafting of Sweets in Bengal
Sabine	Donauer	Emotions at Work - Working on Emotions, Germany 1870 -1970. A Research Report
Nicolay	Kamenov	Global Issues and Local Particularities - Towards a Global History of Temperance, Drink and Work
Christian	Ungruhe	Kayagirls and Truckpushboys: Labour, Youth, and Achieving Adulthood among Northern Ghanaian Migrants in the Southern Cities
Nirmala	Manne	Economics and Ideology of Labour: A Study of 'Extras' in the Indian Cinema Industry.
Carlos	Moura Barbosa	Policemen and Crime in a Northeastern Brazilian City: The Administrative and Technical-Scientific Work of the Judicial Police in the City of Fortaleza (1889-1920)
William	Stafford	Labour and its Bare Minimum

Group 2

Madhavi		Indentured Emigration Experience: Modern Science and Medicine in Colonial Mauritius & Natal, 1834-1920
Santosh Kumar	Rai	Shifts in Conditions and Strategies of Survival: Silk Weaving in Eastern United Provinces, 1880s-1930s
Anna	Sailer	Naukar, Coolie and Mazdoor - The Negotiations of Labour in the Colonial Jute Industry of Bengal, ca. 1920-1950
Elisabeth	Fink	(Neo-)Orientalism, Labour and Gender: Local Activism, Transnational Social Movements and the Sweatshop Discourse. Lessons from Bangladesh
Rukmini	Barua	Production of Social Space in the Working Class Neighborhoods of post-Independence Ahmedabad



Zachary	Kagan Guthrie	Ties That Bind, Lines That Divide: Geographies of Labor and Migration in Central Mozambique, 1942-1961
Shahana	Bhattacharya	Untouchable Leather: Labour, Caste and Class in the Leather Industry. A Study with a Focus on Madras and Calcutta, circa 1900-1950
Mei	López Trueba	Understanding Health and Safety: Livelihoods, Risks and Well-Living in the Cerro Rico of Potosí (Bolivia)
Oleg	Kulagin	The History of Labour Relations in Timber Industry of Northwestern Russia during the Soviet Period (1917-1990)

Group 3

Anirban	Bhattacharya	Labour in the Tea Gardens of the Duars: Plantation Labour Regime & Workers Movement (1872-1948)
Sandip	Chatterjee	A Study in Industrial Hygiene: Coal Mines of Eastern India (c. 1901-1973)
Maya	John	Indian Labour Law, 1918-1960: Development of the Law, Its Repercussions on the Labour Process and Trade Union Movement
Dina	Makram-Ebeid	Steel Lives Under Reforms: Everyday Politics of Labour in Helwan, Egypt
Will	Riddell	Race, Labour, and Imperial Identities: California and the Emergence of America's Pacific Empire.
Suparna	Sengupta	Convict Colonization' of Andamans, c. 1850-1920
Paulo	Terra	Citizenship and Work: the Streetcar Workers in Rio de Janeiro (1870-1906)
Shubhankita	Ojha	Labouring Lives between Land and the Sea: A Social History of the Bombay Port and its Workers c. 1860-1960s