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**Reconceptualising Wage Labour  
From a Long-Term and  
Transregional Perspective**

**WORCK Conference 1  
16–19 September 2020**

**Virtual Conference hosted by  
the CEU Budapest (Hungary)**

**Hosts: Susan Zimmermann and Isidora Grubacki**



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## Wed 16–09–2020

All times correspond to Central European Summer Time (UTC+2).

1:30–3:30pm

### Introduction

Chair: Susan Zimmermann / Juliane Schiel

**Juliane Schiel / Johan Heinsen** —

Labour and coercion. Towards a new global social history

**Christian De Vito** — Reconceptualising wage labour. The conference programme

**Silke Schwandt / Tobias Hodel** — Presentation of the WORCK Publication Platform

4:30–6:30pm

### Round Table

#### Work and Coercion in the Neoliberal Academia

Chair: Juliane Schiel

**Tereza Østbø Kuldova** — Cynical ideology as a mode of workplace coercion in Norwegian institutions of higher education

**Mariya Ivancheva** — The academic gig economy? Digitalisation and casualisation in the wake of the Covid-19 online education trial

**Cris Shore** — Who owns university debt? Coercive accountancy and the new contractualism in UK higher education

## Thu 17–09–2020

10:00–12:00am

### Labour Coercion and Remuneration in the Medieval World

Chair: Juliane Schiel

**Martin Andersson** — Creating coercion through remuneration: Servant salaries in medieval Sweden

**Colin Arnaud** — Subdued wage labourers: Examples of ambiguity between wage labour and coercive labour in textile production in Western and Islamic medieval sources

**Thijs Lambrecht** — Lords, peasants and labour services in the late medieval Low Countries, c. 1250–1500

**Alexandra Vukovich** — Debt and bondage in early Rus

12:00–1:00pm LUNCH BREAKOUT ROOMS

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### Ambiguous Labour Relations in the Early Modern World

Chair: Branimir Brgles

**Jane Whittle** — How free was wage labour in England 1500–1700? The case of servants

**Carolina Uppenberg** — Unpacking coercion: Dimensions of free and unfree labour in the Swedish Servant Acts, 1664–1858

**Marco Tomaszewski** — Dependencies and labour relations in the early modern linen industry of St. Gallen

**Rossana Barragán** — Wages: Servitude, mixed remuneration of free/unfree workers and struggles for in/dependency in the mines in Spanish America

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### Wages, Slavery and Abolitions in the Modern World

Chair: Benedetta Rossi

**Fernando Jorge Cruz Mouta** — Slavery and wage labour: Linguas and Grumetes in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century West African coast

**Maysa Espindola Souza** — Colonial justice and contract labour in São Tomé and Príncipe (1860–1930)

**Samuel A. Nyanchoga** — From abolitionism to subjugation: Interrogating the ambiguities of emancipation and labour practices in post-slavery Christian villages in the Swahili coast

**Marjorie Carvalho de Souza** — Free and freed labourers 'in witness whereof': Thinking about wage(less) labour with service

## Fri 18-09-2020

10:00–12:00am

### Coercion and Wages in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Chair: *Isidora Grubacki*

**Müge Özbek** — Between wage work and slavery: Commodification of rural female labour for the changing domestic labour markets of early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Istanbul

**Nataša Milićević / Ljubinka Škodrić** — Between wage labour and coercion: The case of civil servants in occupied Serbia 1941–1944

**Camille Faroux** — French women's and colonised forced labourers' work in the war plants in France in 1939–1940

**Ivanka Petrova** — Links between labour coercion and wage labour in socialist Bulgaria: A form of student seasonal wage labour

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### Creating a Labour Force Through Coercion and Remuneration

Chair: *Johan Heinsen*

**Akın Sefer** — The mobilisation of wage labour for Ottoman state factories in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

**Gabriele Marcon** — 'Working his Excellency's mines': Wage labour and coercion in a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Tuscan mining district (1540s–1560s)

**Marian Niedermayr** — Forced wage labour in the viticultural enterprise of the Vienna City Hospital

**Raquel Gil Montero** — Mining and wages in the colonial Andes during the 17<sup>th</sup> century

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### Documents and Contracts of Coercion

Chair: *Jakub Stofaník*

**Sigrid Wadauer** — Contracts under duress: Work documents as a matter and means of negotiation (Habsburg Monarchy/Austria in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century)

**Martino Sacchi** — Identification cards and the power over mobility in Martinique after the abolition of slavery (1852–1872)

**Ferruccio Ricciardi** — The enigma of 'colonial workers': Contracts, constraints and social rights in the French Empire (1900–1950s)

**Claudia Bernardi** — Scales of labour coercion and (im)mobility: Undocumented and documented contract migrant workers across Mexico

## Sat 19-09-2020

10:00–12:00am

### Discourses on Coercion

Chair: *Eszter Bartha*

**Martin Bak Jørgensen** — 'Dubaisation of the West': Tracing the future of labour in Europe

**Judith Spicksley** — Voluntary enslavement: Contract and coercion?

**Kaveh Yazdani** — Political economy, capitalism and discourses on free and unfree labour, c. 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries

**Ana Luleva** — Freedom and coercion: Discourses on labour in state-socialism: The Bulgarian case

**Titas Chakraborty** — Hired work and ascendancy of the East India Company State in Bengal, 1650–1817

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### Manipulating Remuneration, Managing Labour

Chair: *Isidora Grubacki*

**Viola Müller** — Profit vs. culture: Employment choices between slave and wage labour in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century US Urban South

**Nico Pizzolato** — Debt, contract, coercion: Managing rural labour from coast to coast in 20<sup>th</sup>-century United States

**Limin Teh** — Labor contractors in early 20<sup>th</sup> century China and conceptions of wage labour

**Per Bonde Hansen** — Coercion in free labour: Norwegian employers' response to the mobility of workers

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### Coercion and Precarisation

Chair: *Christian De Vito*

**Bridget Kenny** — Trading time, producing political subjects: Struggles over store trading hours and the category 'worker' in Johannesburg, South Africa, 1960s–1980s

**Massimiliano Livi** — Free the work to free life from work: A trend historical analysis of 'freedom of work' in Italy since the 1970s

**Cecilia Kovai/András Vígvari** — Labour coercion during crisis and conjunction: Lessons from rural Hungary between 2008 and 2018

**Mohammad Tareq Hasan** — Solidarity in flux: Cultural discourse, coercion, and resistance in the Garment Factories of Bangladesh

**Daniel Škoblá/Richard Filčák** — 'Labor activation' and the neoliberal workfare in contemporary Slovakia