

Labour Law History from a Global Perspective: Collective Workplace Disputes and their Normative Contexts

*International Conference at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory,
Frankfurt am Main, 12-13 September 2023*

Organizer: Dr Johanna Wolf

Program

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

09:00-09:30 Arrival and Registration

09:30-10:00 *Welcome and Thoughts on how to build up a Network*
Johanna Wolf, MPILHLT
Conceptual perspectives on the History of Labour law
Peter Collin, MPILHLT

10:00-11:00 *Keynote Speech: Workers' Participation: Comparative Historical Perspectives from the Nineteenth Century to the End of the Cold War*
Stefan Berger, Director of the Institute for Social Movements, Bochum

Chair: Johanna Wolf, MPILHLT

Coffee

11:30-13:00 *Panel I: Democracy at the Shop Floor*

Workers Leaving the Factory: Discourses about the Democratization of Work since 1970
Pedro Alexandre Teixeira, Centre Marc Bloch Berlin

Labour Conflicts and Political Regulation: The Case of Germany during the 20th Century
Manfred Wannöffel, Ruhr University Bochum

Voices from the Shop Floor: Politics, Law, and Workplace Industrial Relations in Turkey, 1920s-1950s
Görkem Akgöz, re:work: IGK Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History, Berlin

Chair: Jenny Jansson, Uppsala Universitet

Lunch

14:00-15:30 *Panel II: Entanglements in Labour Law*

Labour Conflicts and Labour “Law” in 19th Century Argentina

Gabriel Di Meglio, University of Buenos Aires

Workers’ Mobilizations and Anti-Vagrancy Policies in Abolitionist Legislation: Brazil and the Portuguese Empire in Africa in a Perspective of the Global History of Labour (1870-1899)

Paulo Cruz Terra, Universidade Federal Fluminense

International Influences on Labour Law in Brazil: Case Studies of Four Socialist Lawyers in the First Half of the Twentieth Century

Aldrin Castellucci, Universidade do Estado da Bahia

Chair: Raquel R. Sirotti, MPILHLT (tbc)

Coffee

16:00-17:30 *Panel III: Intertwining of Labour Regulation and (De-)colonization*

Indentured Labour: Resistance, Violence and Colonial Law in German East Africa

Minu Haschemi Yekani, Freie Universität Berlin

Labour, Punishment and Governance: Labour Practices and Regulations in the Territories Ruled by Chartered Companies in Mozambique (1891-1942)

Raquel R. Sirotti, MPILHLT

Decasualisation in the Times of Decolonisation at the Port of Calcutta

Perna Agarwal, London School of Economics

Chair: Tim-Niklas Vesper, MPILHLT

Dinner

18:30-19:30 *Roundtable I: Why Writing Labour Law History*

Joachim Rückert, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main

Cristina Vano, University of Naples

Eric Tucker, York University Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto

Chair: Peter Collin, MPILHLT

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

09:00-10:00 *Roundtable 2: How Writing Labour Law History from a Comparative or Global Perspective?*

Michael Rösser, University of Bamberg

Ravi Ahuja, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Göttingen

Naoko Matsumoto, Sophia University, Tokyo / Research Fellow MPILHLT

Bridget Kenny, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Chair: Paulo Cruz Terra, Universidade Federal Fluminense

Coffee

10:30-12:00 *Panel IV: Labour Courts in Comparison*

Balancing Law and Labour: the Divergent Evolution of the Conseil de Prud'Hommes in Belgium and France

Jasper van de Woestijne, Ghent University

Labour Law and Politics in Mid-twentieth Century South India: A View from the 'Informal' Sector

Karuna Dietrich Wielenga, Azim Premji University, Sarjapura

Brazil Labour Courts, Collective Workplace Disputes and their Normative Contexts

Fernando Teixeira da Silva, State University of Campina

Chair: Cristina Vano, University of Naples

Lunch

13:00-14:00 *Panel V: Labour Law and Gender*

"Those who were able to work": Dominion, Politics and Culture in South Atlantic Labour Relations in the 18th century

Crislayne Gloss Marão Alfagalim, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

Sugar Cane Monoculture, and Gardens of Resistance under Plantationocene

Christine Rufino Dabat, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco

Chair: Minu Haschemi Yekani, Freie Universität Berlin

Coffee

14:30-16:00 *Panel VI: Labour Law and Revolution*

Labour Protest and Democratic Opposition in Spain and Poland, 1960-1990

Anna Delius, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung)

Democracy in Factory. Claims, Actors, Norms in the Italian Industrial Relations of the 1960s

Virginia Amorosi, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Università degli studi di Napoli

Labour Law and Revolution. Dismissal Protection in Post-Revolutionary Portugal and Romania

Adrian Grama, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies

Chair: King Chi Chris Chan, University of London

Coffee

16:30-17:30 *Panel VII: Changes and Challenges in the World of Work*

Workers' Struggle and Political-Economic Context: A Historical Review on Labour Law Reforms in China

King Chi Chris Chan, University of London

How do Unions and Employers' Organizations Use Notice of Industrial Action in Collective Bargaining? New Perspectives on Swedish Labour Market Conflicts

Jenny Jansson, Uppsala Universitet

Chair: Karuna Dietrich Wielenga, Azim Premji University

Dinner

18:00-19:00 Final Discussion