



XIIth International Conference on Labour History *The Future of Work in the Mirror of the Past*



Organised by

**V.V. Giri National Labour Institute
&
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(March 26- 28, 2018)**

Venue: V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA

March 26, 2018

9:15 hrs - 10:00 hrs	Registration and Tea
Inaugural Session	
10:00 hrs - 10:45 hrs	<p>Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. H. Srinivas Director General V.V. Giri National Labour Institute▪ Prof. Madhavan Palat Former Professor, CHS/SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University Editor in Chief, Nehru selected works, Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund▪ Presentation on the Theme “The Future of Work in the Mirror of the Past” Dr. Prabhu P. Mohapatra, Delhi University

10:45 hrs - 11:00 hrs

Tea/Coffee Break



SESSION I: March 26, 2018

11:00 hrs - 13:00 hrs

Group 1 Imagining the Future of Work: Mechanization in the Past and the Present	Group 2 Technology, Labour Process and Workplace Relations
<p>Chairperson: Madhavan Palat</p> <p>Swatahsiddha Sarkar (University of North Bengal): Mechanisation in the Tea Industry and the Concerns of Labour, An Experience of Jaipalguri District, West Bengal Discussant: Rana P. Behal</p> <p>Sandip Chatterjee (West Bengal State University): The Future of Coal Mining Technology during the First World War and its Implementation between 1919 and 1952 Discussant: Dhiraj K Nite</p> <p>Sharmila Srivastava (Hansraj College, University of Delhi): Mysore and Coorg Coffee Plantations in 19th and 20th Centuries Discussant: Henrique Espada Lima</p>	<p>Chairperson: Andreas Eckert</p> <p>Aardra Surendran (Tata Institute of Social Sciences): Hierarchies of Working and Shirking: Anatomy of an Industrial Accident Discussant: Mathias von Rossum</p> <p>Arthur Cessou (EHESS/CEIAS, France): The Impact of Technologies and Mechanization on Work Outside the Factory: A Case Study of Ranchi's Construction Sector Discussant: Naveen Chander</p> <p>Anna Sailer (Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Georg-August Universität Göttingen): The Limits of Regulation: The Organisation of Work in the Bengal Jute Industry in the 1920s Discussant: Prabhu P. Mohapatra</p>

13:15 hrs - 14:00 hrs

Lunch Break



SESSION II: March 26, 2018

14:00 hrs - **16:00** hrs

16:00 - 16:15 Tea Break

Group 1 (...continuation) Imagining the Future of Work: Mechanization in the Past and the Present	Group 2 (...continuation) Technology, Labour Process and Workplace Relations
<p>Chairperson: TBC</p> <p>Gopal Krishna (Tata Institute of Social Sciences): The Future of Work in the Mirror of Industrial Disaster of Bhopal Discussant: Anish Vanaik</p>	<p>Chairperson: Andreas Eckert</p> <p>Devika Narayan (University of Minnesota), Between the Cloud and a Hard Place: The Re-Making of India's Software Sector Discussant: Nicole Mayer-Ahuja</p> <p>Vinay Kumar (Tata Steel Ltd.): Technology, Informalisation and Emerging Work Relations Discussant: Anja Suter</p>
Group 3 Technology and Resistance	Group 4 Wages of Well Being in the <i>Longe-Duree</i>
<p>Chairperson: Jan Breman</p> <p>G.S. Mamatha Devi (Ambedkar University): Moving Beyond Luddism Automation in Insurance Industry and the Responses of AIIEA Discussant: Gautam Mody</p> <p>Nicole Mayer-Ahuja (University of Goettingen) and Peter Birke (Eindhoven University of Technology): 'Doesn't help, doesn't work ...'? Tackling everyday work and labour unrest after Fordism through a secondary analysis of sociological material from West Germany Discussant: Gautam Mody</p>	<p>Chairperson: Henrique Espada Lima</p> <p>Karin Hofmeester and Jan Lucassen (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam): Remuneration and Shifts in Labour Relations Discussant: Aditya Sarkar</p>



SESSION III: March 26, 2018

16:15-18:30 hrs

<p style="text-align: center;">Group 4 (...continuation) Wages of Well Being in the <i>Longe-Duree</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Group 5 Intimate Technologies</p>
<p>Rombert Stapel (International Institute of Social History): Monetisation and Wage Labour in Medieval England and Wales: Spatial and Temporal Patterns (a Case Study) Discussant: Aditya Sarkar</p> <p>Dhiraj K Nite (Ambedkar University): Labour Practices, Wages and the Welfare Ratios: The Construction Worker in an Indian Region, 1860-1868 Discussant: Mythri Prasad-Aleyamma</p> <p>Ajayi Abiodun (Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo): Wheeled Transportation and Technology and Change in Labour Dispensation in Osun Division of Southwestern Nigeria 1900-1960 Discussant: Andreas Eckert</p>	<p>1 Chairperson: Janaki Nair</p> <p>Maya John (University of Delhi): One Day in the Life of Johra Bibi: Unveiling the New Technologies of Employer's Power in the Delhi-NCR Domestic Services Industry Discussant: Samita Sen</p> <p>Henrique Espada Lima (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina): Caring Slaves and Precarious Masters: Co-dependence, Generational Contracts and Inheritance in Nineteenth-Century Brazil Discussant: Matthias von Rossum</p> <p>Saikat Maitra (Indian Institute of Management): Labor and the Magic of Transformation: Service-work, Urban Development and New Modes of Subject-making in Contemporary Kolkata Discussant: Janaki Nair</p>

18:30 hrs - 19.00 hrs

Plenary Session



SESSION IV: March 27, 2018

9:00 hrs – 13:05 hrs

9:00 hrs – 9:30 hrs Introduction of the Book

Trouble at the Mill: Factory Law and the Emergence of Labour Question in Late Nineteenth-Century Bombay by Aditya Sarkar

(India: Oxford University Press, 2018)

Dr. Prabhu P. Mohapatra, Delhi University

9:30-11:30 hrs

On the Edge of Precarity

Chairperson: Andrea Eckert

Jan Breman (Prof. Emeritus, Amsterdam University, Netherlands): Capitalism Inequality and Labour Bondage in India

Discussant: Ravi Ahuja

V. Kalyan Shankar (Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat) and Rohini Sahni (University of Pune): The Inheritance of Precarious Labor: A Story of Three Generations in Waste Picking in an Indian City

Discussant: Aardra Surendran

Sakshi Khurana (National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)): Skill Development, Youth Aspirations and the Employment Paradox in India

Discussant: Silke Neunsinger



11:30-11:45 hrs Tea/Coffee break

11:45- 13:05

Prisons: Technologies of Work and Punishment

Chairperson: Leo Lucassen

Jyoti Dineshrao Bhosale (Jawaharlal Nehru University): Negotiating the 'Penal' for the Colonial Imperative: Surveying the Debates around the Adoption of Modern Technology led Production in the Prisons of British Colonial India

Discussant: Chitra Joshi

Rachna Singh (Hindu College, University of Delhi): Work Milieus and Penal Diets: The Colonial Prison in the Early Nineteenth Century

Discussant: Chitra Joshi

13:05-14 hrs lunch

**Group 7
Migration and Questions of Technology**



14 hrs- 15:20 hrs

Chairperson: Indu Agnihotri

Camille Buat (Sciences Po and University of Göttingen): Dispensing with the upcountry men? Locating the Bengali/Non Bengali divide in 1950s West Bengal

Discussant: Shankar Ramaswami

Fabrice Bensimon (University College London): British Labour and Migration to Europe during Industrialisation (1815-1870): The Case of the Lace Makers

Discussant: Denys Leighton

15:20- 15:30 hrs tea break

15.30- 16:50 hrs ...Migration continued

Mythri Prasad-Aleyamma (Institute for Human Development): Cards and Carriers: Migration, Identification and Surveillance in Kerala, South India

Discussant: Sumeet Mhaskar

Leo Lucassen (International Institute of Social History and University of Leiden): The final straw that broke the camel's back: famine and migration, a global exploration

Discussant: S.K. Sasikumar

16:50hrs - 18:10 hrs

Gender Caste Community and Questions of Technology

Chairperson: Nicole Mayer-Ahuja

Sriparna Chatterjee (Pondicherry University): Women and Employment: A Critical Enquiry into the Impact of Mechanization of Mining in Raniganj Coal Fields from 1922 to 1939

Discussant: Samita Sen

Uyilawa Usuanlele (State University of New York): Women producers and technology in agricultural production in colonial Southern Nigeria during and after WWII

Discussant: Andreas Eckert



SESSION VII: March 28, 2018

9:30 hrs - 12:30 hrs

9: 30- 11:00 hrs

Group 8 (...continuation) Gender, Caste, Community and Questions of Technology

Chairperson: Samita Sen

Shivangi Jaiswal (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University): Caste and Technical Training: A Formative Decade in the Indian Labour Department, 1942-52

Discussant: Shahana Bhattacharya

Santosh Kumar Rai (University of Delhi): The Community of Practice and Forms of Knowledge: Handloom Weavers in Early Twentieth Century United Provinces, India

Discussant: Shahana Bhattacharya

11:00-11:15 Tea/Coffee Break

11: 15hrs- 12:40

Media Technology and Labour

Chairperson: `

Malte Müller (Institut für Zeitgeschichte München) Imagining Work – German Steel Workers and their Representation within Employee Magazines, A Praxeological Approach

Discussant: Anja Suter

Drew Thompson (Bard College) Broadcasting Independence: Radio and Engineering (De-) Colonization in Mozambique

Discussant: Ravi Vasudevan

12:40- 13:40 lunch

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Group 10 Technology, Law and Regulation

13: 40- 15:45 hrs

Chairperson: Karin Hofmeester

Silke Neunsinger (Swedish Labour Movement Archives and Library): "Judgements of the Supreme Court have come like Breath of Fresh Air" Transnational Activism and Equal Remuneration in India 1958-2000

Discussant: Radhika Singha

Ravi Ahuja (Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen): A Beveridge Plan for India? Social Insurance and the Making of the "Formal Sector"

Discussant: Anish Vanaik

Eduardo Petersen (Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa): Technology for Precariousness: Article 12 of Portuguese Labour Code 2003

Discussant: Prabhu P. Mohapatra

18:00 hrs - 19:30 hrs

Memorial Lecture at India International Centre, New Delhi
Vrinda Grover, Lawyer, Supreme Court
Title: "Trials and Tribulations: Maruti Workers' Docket of Injustice"

19:30 hrs

Conference Dinner hosted by AILH