

PROGRAM

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Reconfiguring Labour and Welfare in Emerging Economies of the Global South

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IN COOPERATION WITH:



TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021

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- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome address by **Marc Schalenberg**, ZiF, Bielefeld University, Germany
Welcome address by **Andreas Vasilache**, dean of Sociology Faculty, Bielefeld University
Opening remarks by **Minh Nguyen**, Bielefeld University
- 9:30 - 10:30 **Keynote** presentation – “Re-socialization: Atomized Inclusion, Patchy Welfare and New Social Relations” by **Biao Xiang**, Director, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany
Chair: **Jingyu Mao**, Bielefeld University
- 10:30 – 11:00 – *Break* –
- 11:00 - 12:40 **Panel – Factory Labour and Welfare**
- “Reproducing Poverty: Social Protection, Labour Rights, and Precarious Livelihoods after Bangladesh’s Rana Plaza Garment Factory Building Collapse” by **Rebecca Prentice**, University of Sussex, and **Mahmudul Sumon**, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

- “Industry, Worker and the Nation: Inter-generational Lives in the Indian Public Sector” by **Aardra Surendran**, National Institute of Advanced Studies India
- “Exploitation as Welfare? The Case of Overtime Work in Global Factories of Market Socialist China and Vietnam” by ERC project team (**Minh Nguyen, Jake Lin, Yueran Tian, Ngoc Luong**), Bielefeld University

Chair: **Jingyu Mao**, Bielefeld University

Discussant: **Helle Rydstrom**, Lund University, Sweden

12:40 - 14:00 – *Lunch break*–

14:00 -15:40 **Panel – Informal Labour and Welfare**

- “Integration or Management: Perspectives on Social Protection System for Migrant and Informal Workers in Thailand” by **Sayamol Charoenratana & Chohnapa Anuku**, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- “Can Support for Redistribution be Maintained in High-Crime Societies? Evidence from South Africa” by **Sarah Brooks**, the Ohio State University, **Cameron Macaskill**, the Ohio State University, USA, and **Marianne S. Ulriksen**, University of Southern Denmark
- “Waiting for Welfare: Experiences of Informal Sector Traders in Delhi, India” by **Riya Raphael**, Lund University, Sweden

Chair: **Antje Missbach**, Bielefeld University

Discussant: **Immanuel Ness**, Brooklyn College CUNY, USA

15:40 - 16:00 – *Break*–

16:00 - 17:40 **Panel – Transnational Labour Mobility and Welfare**

- “Welfare, Labour and Mobility: Experiences, Projects and Subjectivities of Ukrainian and Polish Migrant Workers” by **Ania Plomien**, London School of Economics, and **Gregory Schwartz**, University of Bristol, UK
- “Migrant Labour in Russia and Fake Welfare” by **Rano Turaeva**, Ludwig Maximilian University, Germany
- “Precarities in the Desert: The Case of Female Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia during the time of Covid-19” by **Angie Ngoc Tran**, California State University, USA

Chair: **Phill Wilcox**, Bielefeld University

Discussant: **Erik Harms**, Yale University, USA

17:40 - 19:00 Opportunity for networking

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2021

9:00 -11:00 **Panel – New Forms of Universalism**

- “Views of Universalism and Deservingness from the South African Unemployed” by **Liz Fouksman**, King’s College London, UK
- “Farmers’ Failing Health: A Serbian Case Study in Necrocapitalist Security Relations” by **Andre Thiemann**, Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia
- “Seeing the Poor, Re-reconfiguring Welfare: Labour Migration and the Standardisation of State Assistance for Those Who Stay Behind” by **Christof Lammer**, University of Klagenfurt, Austria
- “Politics and Moralities of Self-responsibility and Welfare Deservingness among Bulgarian Workers” by **Dimitra Kofti**, Panteion University, Greece

Chair: **Ursula Mense-Petermann**, Bielefeld University

Discussant: **Jane Duckett**, University of Glasgow, UK

11:00 – 11:20 – *Break* –

11:20 - 13:00 **Panel – Finance and Welfare**

- “The Commodification of Poverty in the Global South: the Emergence of a Market of Social Policies (São Paulo, Brazil)” by **Isabel Georges**, French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development
- “Financial Inclusion, Technological Fixes and the Political Economy of Distribution in South Africa’s Social Grant Program” by **Christopher Webb**, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
- “Debt, Land and Labor : Social Protection among Cambodian Migrant Workers” by **Dennis Arnold and Gavan Blau**, University of Amsterdam

Chair: **Éva Rozália Hölzle**, Bielefeld University

Discussant: **Deborah James**, London School of Economics and Political Science

13:00 - 14:00 – *Lunch break*–

14:00 - 15:40 **Panel – Times of Global Disruption: Responses to the Corona Pandemic**

- “Getting Home During Lockdown: Circular migration and hyper-precarity in rural Tamil Nadu at the time of Covid-19” by **Grace Carswell, Geert De Neve**, University of Sussex, UK and **Nidhi Subramanyam**, Cornell University, USA
- “Unemployment Insurance Claims during Covid-19 Pandemic: the Experiences of Migrants Employed in South Africa’s Formal Economy” by **Chioma Joyce Onukogu**, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa
- “The Politics of Basic Income and the Crisis of Wage Labour in South Africa” by **Hannah Dawson**, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg

Chair: **Alexandra Kaasch**, Bielefeld University

Discussant: **Jonathan London**, Leiden University, Netherlands

15:40 - 16:00 – *Break* –

16:00 - 17:30 *Plenary discussion and publication plans*

Rapporteur **Zhenwei Wang** (Bielefeld University)

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