

PROGRAM

Key issues in the anthropology of labour in the context of flexible capitalism

University of Amsterdam, Sep 30 –Oct 1, 2019

*Venue: Common room of the UvA anthropology department (REC B5.12) at
Roeterseilandcampus.*

Day 1: September 30

10.00-10.30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ANTHROPOLOGY OF LABOUR NETWORK: DAN HIRSLUND, MARIYA IVANCHEVA

FOCAAL & MOVING MATTERS: LUISA STEUR

UVA & PRACTICALITIES: DASTAN ABDALI

10.30-12.00 PANEL 1: INDUSTRIALISM UNDER CHANGE

Daniela Elena Ana "Work-rhythms and the experience of time for workers in a Moldovan winery"

Fulvia D'Aloisio "From *Mitbestimmung* to *partecipazione*. Shapes of work and new industrial relations in the case of Automobili Lamborghini"

Oksana Dutchak "Marxism, on Time: Labor-Power Reproduction on Ukrainian Garment Factories in Global Supply Chains"

Denys Gorbach "Informality, voice and exit at "new" and "old" factories in Ukraine"

Hege Høyer Leivestad "The Container Class: Logistics Labour at the Strait of Gibraltar"

12.00-12.15 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

12.15-13.45 PANEL 2: LABOR REGIMES IN TRANSITION

Kira Brenner "Neoliberal workers: Women in export factories in Tunisia"

Jiazhi Fengjiang "Negotiating work's worth: grassroots philanthropy in post-Mao China"

Ingo Schröder "Labor as a Field of American Indian Incorporation: A View on Anthropological Engagements with the Longue Durée of Colonialism in North America"

Geice Silva and Souza Q, Allan "Labour reform in Brazil: local labour markets and sexual division of family labour"

Lerato Thakholi "Invisibilized conservationists: Exploring low-wage labour in South Africa's private nature reserves"

13.45-14.45 CATERED LUNCH

14.45-16.15 PANEL 3: RECONCEPTUALIZING 'ORDINARY' WORK

Camilla Mevik "Skill and discretion: New patterns of division of labour in global shipping"

William Monteith "Ordinary work in the post-wage economy: Reflections from a Ugandan marketplace"

Joana Nascimento "Making tweed, working with uncertainty: labour histories and resourceful engagements in the textile industry of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland"

Tanja Visic "Making a place to make it work: Hyper-precarity, Motility and Gendered Work Cultures"

Garima Jaju "Friends, Enemies and 'Dirty Politics': Studying petty politics on the work-floor in New Delhi"

16.15-16.30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16.30-18.00 PANEL 4: THRIVING INFORMAL ECONOMIES

Marc Morell "The profits of tourism deserve our sacrifice»: On labour and the double character of extraction in the tourist city."

Gergö Pulay "Popular Politics and the Management of Precarity in a Poor Neighbourhood of Bucharest"

Alessandra Radicati "Phatic work in the real estate market in Colombo"

Valentini Sampethai "Informal economy of sex work in Omonoia, Athens"

18.00-19.00 SPECIAL EVENT: PRESENTING NEW PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD

Etienne Bourel & Judith Hayem "Subjectivations at/of work? Journal des Anthropologues special issue"

Jan Breman "The social question in the twenty-first century" (2019, co-authored Marcel van de Linden, Dennis Arnold)

George Morgan (2018) "the creativity hoax: precarious work and the gig economy" (2018, Anthem Press, co-authored with Patrice Nelligan)

Day II: October 1

09.00-10.00 ANTHROPOLOGY OF LABOUR NETWORK MEETING

10.00-11.30 PANEL 5: NEW PRECARITIES

Delia Badoj "Normalising precariousness through flexible labour in the neoliberal academia - A conceptual model based on a theory-set for the case of Romania"

Neda Deneva "Employee-Leasing and the Value of Labour in the IT sectors in Romania and Bulgaria"

Slobodan Golušin "Labor relations on platform labor markets: Hierarchies and cooperation between UpWork freelancers in Serbia"

Alexandra Oanca "Digital Self-care as Unpaid Labor: An Ethnography of the Production of Big Data and Self-tracking Digital Cultures"

Miriam Schestak "There's No Such Thing as Free Basics: Data and value in Facebook's failed scheme to connect all of India"

11.30-11.45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.45-13.15 PANEL 6: FLEXIBILITY COSTS

Pablo Ampuero "Resistance in precarity: The case of the *Sanhe Dashen* in Shenzhen, People's Republic of China"

Jacob Nielsen "The quest for work free lives: capitalist utopias and dreams of total alienation amongst London's precariat"

Guiseppe Troccoli "Building flexibility: the articulation of precarity and autonomy in construction worker's movements in Belize City"

Olivia Vicol and Vinzenz B. Escobar " Work Outside the Wage in Catalonia and the UK: the Promise and Pitfalls of Freedom in the Post-Wage Economy"

Hassan Moctar ""Living labour and the selective permeability of the EU border in Nouadhibou, Mauritania"

13.15-14.15 CATERED LUNCH

14.15-15.45 PANEL 7: SOCIAL REPRODUCTION REVISITED

Stefano Ba' "Precarious mothers: struggling to reconcile precarious work and care"

Victoria Brown "Gendered consequences of global economic downturn in agriwork Spain"

Ana Cirstea "Trajectories of Romanian labour migrants in north-west London"

Laura A. Tufă " Precarious post-retirement workers. Concurrent ageing regimes and class mobility in pre-retirement and post-retirement work transitions"

15.45-16.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16.00-17.30 PANEL 8: UNIONISM AND WORKER STRUGGLES

Volodymyr Artiukh "Work precarization and labor immobilization under the Belarusian passive revolution"

Rebecca Ashley " Discontented midwives: protest, wages and the politics of care work in Iceland"

PT Jeroen Merk " Spatialized labour control strategies and multiple scales of activism: Nikomas Gemilang, Nike and freedom of association in Indonesia"

Lotte Schack "'To be in a collective is to be not alone, in the end': the importance of care and reproductive labour in anti-precarity activism"

Joe Trapido " Organising the cleaners at Ernst and Young (and other outsourced spaces), an ethnographic study of an organising project for outsourced migrant workers"

17.30-18.00 CLOSING REMARKS