

# **Insecurity in the Age of Labour Formalisation: Informal Work in Europe, ca. 1870–1970**

**International Conference, University of Bern, Switzerland, 31 August – 2 September 2023**

**Location: Room S 201, UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern**

Organisers: Sibylle Marti (Bern), Christof Dejung (Bern), Susan Carin Zimmermann (Vienna)

## **Thursday, 31 August**

*12:00 Welcome Lunch at Room S 201, UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern*

13:00 Introduction: Sibylle Marti (Bern), Christof Dejung (Bern), Susan Carin Zimmermann (Vienna)

### **13:30 Panel 1: Informal Work in Rural Areas**

Chair Juri Auderset (Bern)

Corinne Geering (Leipzig): When the State Arrived in the Rural Workshop: Home Industries in Austria-Hungary during the Age of Reforms

Jessica Richter (St. Pölten): Distinguishing Workers, Establishing Hierarchies: Categorizing Farm and other Workers in Disputes over Social Rights (Austria, 1920–1938)

Eloisa Betti (Padua): Rethinking informal work in Southern Europe through a gender lens: Italian rural women between modernization and exploitation (1950-1970)

*15:45 Coffee Break*

## **16:15 Panel 2: Women's Home-Based Informal Work**

Chair Susan Carin Zimmermann (Vienna)

Leda Papastefanaki (Ioannina): "Industrious Women..." Women's Informal Labour at Home in Athens and Piraeus (ca. 1890-1940)

Elisabeth Luif (Vienna/Budapest): Women's "Return" to the Household? Home-Based Work in 1930s Austria

*17:45 Reception*

## **18:15 Keynote**

Eileen Boris (Santa Barbara): The Gender of Informality: Intimate Labors in Transnational Perspective

*20:00 Dinner at Restaurant Waldheim, Waldheimstrasse 40, 3012 Bern*

## **Friday, 1 September**

### **9:00 Panel 3: Work Between Formal and Informal Relations**

Chair Agnes Gehbald (Bern)

Sigrid Wadauer (Vienna): Ambivalences of (In)formality

David Cowan (Cambridge): Labour Informality and Waiters in Early-Twentieth-Century Britain

*10:30 Coffee Break*

Aliki Vaxevanoglou (Athens): Social Relations, Family, and Informal Work in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Greece

*12:00 Lunch at Restaurant Grosse Schanze, Parkterrasse 10, 3012 Bern*

**14:00 Panel 4: Informal Work in Dictatorships**

Chair Christof Dejung (Bern)

Elisa Lopes da Silva (Lisbon): Out-of-work Life Experiences in Portugal's Estado Novo (1933-1974)

Diego Latorre (Madrid): Informal Work and Labour Struggle: Domestic Workers' Conflict during the Franco-era in Spain (1960-1975)

*15:30 Coffee Break*

**16:00 Panel 5: Informal Work during the Boom**

Chair Sibylle Marti (Bern)

Anna Elisabeth Keim (Halle-Wittenberg): Children of the Sixties: Exploring Contract and Temporary Work in the Federal Republic during the Boom

*17:00 Optional Group Activity in the Old City of Bern (UNESCO World Heritage)*

*20:00 Dinner at Restaurant Lorenzini, Hotelgasse 10, 3011 Bern*

## **Saturday, 2 September**

### **9:00 Panel 6: Informal Work in Socialist Countries**

Chair Susan Carin Zimmermann (Vienna)

Adrian Grama (Regensburg): Original Dualisms: Labour Law and Casual Work in Portugal and Romania (1920s-1960s)

Kateryna Burkush (Berlin): Informality and Seasonal Work in Narrated Biographies of Women from Soviet Transcarpathia (1950s–1980s)

*10:30 Coffee Break*

### **11:00 Concluding Discussion**

*12:00 Farewell Lunch at Room S 201, UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern*