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Work and Coille Culture

From Slave to Coille: Migrations,

Research Group:

GLOBAL SOUTH STUDIES CENTER

Tuesday 9 am - 3 pm

Monday 1 pm - 6 pm

TIME

Hauptgebäude (Main building)

Albertus Magnus Platz

Neuer Senatsaal

CONFERENCE VENUE

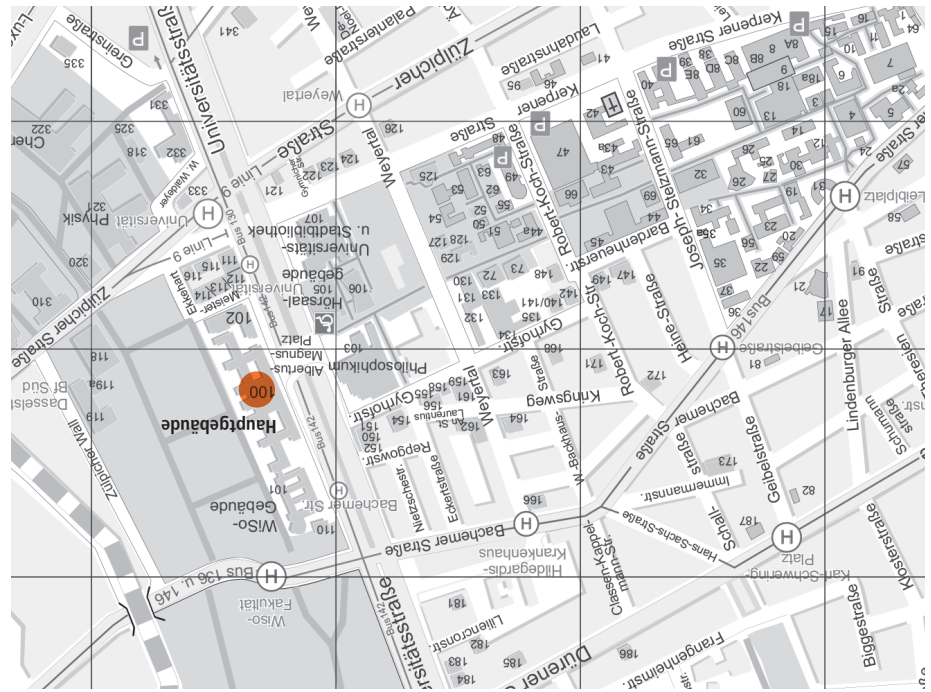
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Forms of bonded labour.

Conceptual approaches towards a new comparative research framework

Speakers: Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf (Cologne), Liliana Gomez (Harvard), Alaine Hutson (Austin), Olivia Kilias (Berlin), Ulrike Lindner (Cologne), Gesine Müller (Cologne), Oliver Tappe (Cologne), Matthias von Rossum (Leiden), Michael Zeuske (Cologne)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, June 23

1:00 pm Arrival
1:10 pm Greetings and Introduction (Ulrike Lindner)

Panel I: "Changing forms of labour in the 18th and 19th century"

1:30 pm Matthias van Rossum (Leiden):
Transforming of the Coolie – case studies into changing coolie labour relations in the Dutch Empire (18th and 19th century)

2:15 pm Ulrike Lindner (Cologne):
Indentured labour in sub-Saharan Africa 1880s to 1918. Circulation of concepts between imperial powers

3:00 pm Michael Zeuske (Cologne):
Transition to free labour or other slavery? Slaves and Asiáticos in the Caribbean and in Angola. (Preliminary Thoughts)

4:00 pm Coffe Break (Dozentencafé)

Panel II: "Bonded labour in Southeast Asia"

4:30 pm Oliver Tappe (Cologne):
Variants of bonded labour in the highlands of precolonial and colonial Southeast Asia

5:15 pm Olivia Kiliias (Berlin):
Forms of bonded labour in Southeast Asia: The case of Indoensian domestic workers in Malaysia

TUESDAY, June 23

Panel III: "Perspectives of migration and coolie culture from and in the Carribean"

9:00 am Liliana Gomez (Harvard):
Re-presenting and narrating labour. Coolie migration in the Caribbean

9:45 am Gesine Müller (Cologne):
Cultural forms of representations of Coolies: Khal Torabully and his concept of "Coolitude"

10:45 am Coffee Break (Dozentencafé)

Panel IV: „From slavery to sponsorship-systems in the Arabian Peninsula?"

11:15 am Alaine Hutson (Austin):
REMAPping the slave experience in Arabia, 1926-1938

12:00 am Sabine Damir Geilsdorf (Cologne):
Labour migration and sponsorship-systems in the Arab Gulf States: Changing legal frameworks, policies and practices

1:00 pm Concluding Discussion



Indentured work migration was one of the biggest migration movements worldwide after slavery. Since the 1840s, Asian working migrants, called coolies, worked in the Americas, Africa, Arab countries and sometimes Europe in schemes of unfree labour. Similar forms of work organization and migration can be found until today. The conference aims at shedding light at the phenomenon of indentured labour in the Global South in contemporary and historical settings, bringing together researchers from history, cultural studies, social sciences and anthropology. Its contributions investigate institutional frameworks, migration flows and cultures of coolie labour and contract-workers.