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Formalisation, Informalisation and the Labour Process: Comparative Perspectives

International Workshop, 20 – 22 November 2019,
Alte Mensa, Wilhelmsplatz 3, 37073 Göttingen

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20 November 2019

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| 15:30 – 16:00 | Registration |
| 16:00 – 18:00 | Introduction: Ravi Ahuja

Opening Lecture: Nicole Mayer-Ahuja
Formalisation, Informalisation and the Labour Process:
Insights and Blind Spots of Industrial Sociology |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | Reception |
| 19:30 – 20:30 | Film Screening and Discussion
Cast in India (Natasha Raheja) |

21 November 2019

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| 9:00 – 11:00 | Chair and Commentator: Jayeeta Sharma

Emma Alexander
Work places and living places in Bombay, 1850 to 1960: how
the informal allowed the formal to function and grow

Anna Sailer
The state and the factory in early 20th century Bengal |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Chair and Commentator: Aardra Surendran

Denys Gorbach |

Varieties of informality and hegemony at “old” and “new” industrial workplaces in Ukraine

Mamatha Gandham

Heterogeneity of work relations at the site of production in the New Delhi region

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00

Chair and Commentator: Ravi Ahuja

Rosa Kösters

From segmentation to fragmentation: changing labour relations in the Dutch formal industry sector, 1973-1985

Vinay Kumar

Restructuring (downsizing) Tata Steel: consent or coercion

Minhyoung Kang

The formalization of informal workers at Hyundai Motor Company

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30

Chair and Commentator: Sumeet Mhaskar

Dhiraj Nite

Multiple Times, unified process: interweaving of formality and informality on the Indian mines, 1940s-1970s

Anusha Sundar

Gasping for air: silicosis in the mica mining industry c. 1909-1956

Suravee Nayak

Political economy of subcontracting in the coal industry: evidence from the Talcher coalfields of Odisha, India

20:00

Conference Dinner (for participants)

22 November 2019

9:30 – 11:00

Chair and Commentator: Alexander Gallas

Jayaseelan Raj

Formal as informal: the social reproduction of labour in Kerala’s tea plantations

Peter Birke / Felix Bluhm

Refugees at work: informality in the labour process of migrants in German slaughterhouses

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Chair and Commentator: Priyanka Srivastava

Sanjeev Routray

'Time pass' and 'setting': The Meanings, relationships, and politics of urban informal work in Delhi

V. Kalyan Shankar

Male transgressions into an informal female occupation: the gender dynamics of waste collection in an Indian City

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Chair and Commentator: Kanchana Ruwanpura

Sona Mitra and Ruchika Chaudhary

Labour practises in India's emerging gig economy: Case study of women workers in mobile application-based business models delivering beauty and salon services

Simon Yin

Taxi drivers and ride-sharing in China

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

Plenary Discussion

Introductory Statement: Samita Sen