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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**

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

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