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# Disputing Child Labour Globally: Legitimation Struggles in the Past and Present

Conference

9-10 November 2022

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Duisburg-Essen

## Preliminary Programme

**Please note: all times indicated in the programme are CET.  
For a time-zone adjusted schedule, see page 3.**

Venue: NETZ / Centre for Nanointegration (CENIDE) | Carl-Benz-Straße 199 |  
Room 2.42 | University of Duisburg-Essen | 47057 Duisburg

### Wednesday, 9 November 2022

<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING</b> <i>Nina Schneider, Sigrid Quack</i>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>PANEL 1: PRESENT CHILD LABOUR OPPONENTS AND DEFENDANTS / TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND (DE-)LEGITIMATION STRUGGLES OVER CHILD LABOUR</b> Chair/Discussant: <i>Sigrid Quack</i>  <b>The Negotiable Child. The ILO minimum age conventions 1919-1973</b> Marianne Dahlén  <b>The ILO as Knowledge-Broker: Arguing for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (ILO Convention C182)</b> Cornelia Ulbert  <b>Children's Voices: The "Dialogue Works" Project</b> Antje Ruhmann  <b>Plenary Discussion</b>
<i>13:00-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>14:00-15:15</b>	<b>PANEL 2: HISTORICAL OPPONENTS &amp; DEFENDANTS: LATIN AMERICA &amp; TRANSATLANTIC</b> Chair/Discussant: <i>Lauren Eastwood</i>  <b>Child Labour in Brazil: Current Challenges, Opposition and Defense</b> Irene Rizzini  <b>Child Labor as a Concern of Feminists and Government Officials. The Cases of Buenos Aires and Tucumán (Argentina) in the Transition from the 19th to the 20th Century</b> Marcela Vignoli (Co-author: Donna Guy)  <b>Plenary Discussion</b>
<i>15:15-15:30</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>15:30-16:45</b>	<b>PANEL 3: HISTORICAL OPPONENTS &amp; DEFENDANTS: AFRICA</b> Chair/Discussant: <i>Ulrike Lindner</i>  <b>Past and Present Child Labour in South Africa</b> Susan Levine  <b>A Global Interconnectedness Approach to Child Labor: Colonial and Post-Colonial Egypt as a case study</b> Heidi Morrison  <b>Plenary Discussion</b>



16:45-17:00 *Break*

**17:00-18:00** **KEYNOTE: KATHRYN K. SKLAR**  
**THE CHANGING PLACE OF CHILD LABOUR IN FLORENCE KELLEY'S REFORM AGENDA, 1882-1932**

19:00 *Conference Dinner*

## Thursday, 10 November 2022

**09:00-11:00** **PANEL 4: HISTORICAL CHILD LABOUR OPPONENTS AND DEFENDANTS IN THE UK AND EUROPE (AND ITS COLONIES)**  
Chair/Discussant: *Martina Winkler*

**Colonial Responses to the Employment of Children: the Netherlands East Indies, 1880 – 1940**

Ben White

**Child Labour Disputes in Portugal and its Colonies**

Pedro Goulart

**Framing Child Labor in 19th-Century Europe and the US**

Elisabeth Anderson

**Plenary Discussion**

11:00-11:15 *Break*

**11:15-13:00** **PANEL 5: HISTORICAL OPPONENTS & DEFENDANTS: ASIA**  
Chair/Discussant: *Lauren Eastwood*

**The “Nimble Fingers”: Informal Child Labour in the Handloom Industry of Twentieth Century Eastern Uttar Pradesh**

Santosh Kumar Rai

**Opponents and Defendants of Child Labour in India**

Shreya Kundu

**Legitimizing, Delegitimizing and Re-legitimizing Child Labor. Imperial and Soviet Russia Cases.**

Boris Gorshkov

**Plenary Discussion**

13:00-14:00 *Lunch Break*

**14:00-15:30** **ROUNDTABLE DEBATE I:**  
**COMPARISON AND ENTANGLEMENT: PROMISES AND PITFALLS FOR A GLOBAL HISTORY OF CHILD LABOUR (FOCUS ON METHODS)**  
Moderator: *Nina Schneider*

Peter S. Stearns

Monika Báar

Ben White

Heidi Morrison

Martina Winkler

15:30-15:45 *Break*

**15:45-17:00** **ROUNDTABLE DEBATE II:**  
**GLOBAL APPROACHES TO CHILD LABOUR: FIRST EMPIRICAL FINDINGS FROM CONFERENCE (AND BEYOND) AND WAYS FORWARD (FOCUS ON EMPIRICAL FINDINGS AND FUTURE RESEARCH)**  
Moderator: *Nina Schneider*

Gianluca Ferrittu

Elisabeth Anderson

**17:00-17:15** **CLOSING WORDS AND WRAP-UP**  
*Nina Schneider (tbd)*



## Time Zone Converter

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Programme	Programme time (Germany) (CET)	WET/ GMT (CET -1)	BRT / ART (CET -4)	US EST (CET -6)	US CST (CET -7)	SAST (CET +1)	GST (CET +2)	IST (CET +3:30)
Welcome	10:30 – 11:00	09:30 – 10:00	06:30 – 07:00	04:30 – 05:00	03:30 – 04:00	11:30 – 12:00	12:30 – 13:00	14:15 – 14:45
Panel 1	11:00 – 13:00	10:00 – 12:00	07:00 – 09:00	05:00 – 07:00	04:00 – 06:00	12:00 – 14:00	13:00 – 15:00	14:30 – 16:30
<b>Lunch Break: 60 Minutes</b>								
Panel 2	14:00 – 15:15	13:00 – 14:15	10:00 – 11:15	08:00 – 09:15	07:00 – 08:15	15:00 – 16:15	16:00 – 17:15	17:30 – 18:45
<b>Break: 15 Minutes</b>								
Panel 3	15:30 – 16:45	14:30 – 15:45	11:30 – 12:45	09:30 – 10:45	08:30 – 09:45	16:30 – 17:45	17:30 – 18:45	19:00 – 20:15
<b>Break: 15 Minutes</b>								
Keynote I	17:00 – 18:00	16:00 – 17:00	13:00 – 14:00	11:00 – 12:00	10:00 – 11:00	18:00 – 19:00	19:00 – 20:00	20:30 – 21:30
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<b>Break: 15 Minutes</b>								
Panel 5	11:15 – 13:00	10:15 – 12:00	07:15 – 09:00	05:15 – 08:00	04:15 – 06:00	12:15 – 14:00	13:15 – 15:00	14:45 – 16:30
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<b>Break: 15 Minutes</b>								
Roundtable II	15:45 – 17:00	14:45 – 16:00	11:45 – 13:00	09:45 – 11:00	08:45 – 10:00	16:45 – 18:00	17:45 – 19:00	18:15 – 20:30
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## List of Participants

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