



LABOUR MOBILITY IN THE SOCIALIST WORLD AND ITS LEGACIES

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19 May 2016

Arrival, meet & greet, light lunch (sandwiches, soft drinks) served at the European Studies Centre from 12:15

13:00–13:15: Opening remarks: **Alena Alamgir**

Panel 1 – 13:15–15:15 – *Labour mobility between the Soviet centre and peripheries (Chair TBA)*

1. **Malika Bahovadinova**: “Building the state and the proletariat on a Soviet construction site in Tajikistan.”
2. **Kateryna Burkush**: “On the forest front: Mechanisms of seasonal labour migration under late socialism (1960s–1980s). The case of Western Ukraine.”
1. **Leyla Sayfutdinova**: “Mapping the mobility of Azerbaijani Soviet engineers: linking West and East?”

Break 15:15–15:35

Panel 2 – 15:35–16:45 – *Technological flows and exchanges (Chair TBA)*

1. **Ljubica Spaskovska**: “‘Constructing a better world’ – Yugoslav investment construction and labour mobility in the developing world 1960–1990”
2. **Patryk Babiracki**: “Labour mobility at the Poznań International Trade Fair, 1940s–1960s”

Break 16:45–17:05

17:05–18:15: “Mini-keynote” on labour migration by **Andreas Eckert**, roundtable discussion

19:00 – Dinner (venue TBD)

Friday, May 20th

Panel 3 – 9:00–11:00 – *Overseas blue-collar workers in state-socialist Central Europe (Chair TBA)*

1. **Alena Alamgir**: “‘They knit sweaters and refuse to follow foreman's orders’: Vietnamese female workers’ labour disputes in 1980s Czechoslovakia”
2. **Balint Tolmar**: “Socialist assistance under a regime of austerity: The case of Cuban temporary workers in Hungary, 1980–1989”

3. **Marcia Schenck:** "Legacies of Mozambican and Angolan labour migration to the GDR: 'East-algia' and continuing protest"

Break 11:00–11:20

Panel 4 – 11:20–12:30 – Expert migrations (Chair TBA)

1. **Klejd Këlliçi:** "Chinese specialist in Albania 1961-1978: From brothers and heroes to villains"
2. **Agnieszka Sadecka:** "Polish experts in India as represented in works of nonfiction from 1960s and 1970s"

12:30–13:30: Lunch in the ESC garden or Common Room (dependent on weather)

*13:30–14:40: "Mini-keynote" on socialist globalization by **James Mark**, roundtable discussion, summary, and conclusion of the workshop*