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Actors, Structures and Policies

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Thursday, 31st January (Plenary Hall)

09:00 Arrivals/Coffee

09:30 - 10:00 Welcome addresses by ZiF and the organisers

Panel 1: Labour – Or what is exchanged as a commodity in labour markets?

10:00 - 10:45 What is exchanged in labour markets? Some heterodox thoughts
Marcel van der Linden (Amsterdam)

10:45 - 11:30 Capitalism and free wage labour
Thomas Welskopp (Bielefeld)

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 12:30 Is forced labour the new normal?
Richard Hyman (London)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

Panel 2: The market concept and its heuristic potential

13:30 - 14:45 What is so unique about labour markets?
Patrik Aspers (Uppsala)

The contributions and limits of a market perspective on labour markets
Karen Shire (Duisburg-Essen)

14:45 - 15:30 The co-production of labor markets and nation states, 1850-2000
Peter-Paul Bänziger (Basel)

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee and cake
16:00 - 16:45  
Is there a global labour ‘market’? Analytical capacities and ‘blind spots’ of the market concept in analyzing cross border labour migration  
*Ursula Mense-Petermann (Bielefeld) & Helen Schwenken (Osnabrück)*

### Panel 3: What enables a labour market to cross national borders?

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<td>Intermediaries and the making of cross-border labor markets</td>
<td><em>Karen Shire (Duisburg-Essen)</em></td>
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<td>17:30 - 18:15</td>
<td>Emergence and decline of institutions: A transnational perspective</td>
<td><em>Sigrid Quack, (Duisburg-Essen)</em></td>
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<td>Immigration, social networks and occupational mismatch (joint work with S. Alaverdyan)</td>
<td><em>Anna Zaharieva (Bielefeld)</em></td>
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<td>Cross-border journalism and mobility</td>
<td><em>Sven Kesselring (Nürtingen-Geislingen)</em></td>
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<td>Eastern European service contract workers in the German meat industry – A case study in market making of a transnational labour market</td>
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<td>Can job search assistance improve the labour market integration of refugees?</td>
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### Panel 4: Are there global labour markets?

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<td>What are ‘global' markets? Historical-sociological ideas</td>
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<td>Global policies and discourses of intergovernmental and nongovernmental international organisations: The example of refugees and migration</td>
<td><em>Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick (London) &amp; Alexandra Kaasch (Bielefeld)</em></td>
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From October 2017 until July 2018, the fellows of the research group “In Search of the Global Labour Market” have been living and working at ZiF to examine the question whether there is a global labour market at all and how it should be analysed from a theoretical and empirical perspective. The closing conference will bring together the group’s fellows from the fields of Economics, Sociology, History, Political Science, Social Policy, Industrial Relations, Management Studies and Migration Studies and aims at presenting the research results and continuing the comparative discussions.

If you are interested in this conference, please send a short registration mail to: trixi.valentin@uni-bielefeld.de

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