

Writing Global Histories of Social Rights II

Workshop at the University of Bochum

Friday, 20 February 2026

Organisers: Stefan Berger (Bochum), Rory Hanna (Sheffield), Julia Moses (Sheffield)

Registration deadline: 13 Feb. 2026

10.00-10.30 am CET	Arrival/coffee/introductions (Stefan Berger, Julia Moses)
10:30am CET	Hybrid Keynote Lecture Ulrike Lindner (Cologne), 'Epistemic Inequalities and their Consequences: The International Labour Organisation and its Treatment of Colonial Workers after 1919' Chair: Julia Moses, Sheffield
11:30 am CET	Panel 1: Vulnerability and Social Rights at Work Veronica Kimani, Kenyatta University, 'Women, Ujamaa and Work' (online) Nina Schneider, Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, 'Disputing the rights of child workers: global connections, local contexts, 19th-21st centuries' Alicia Gorny, Bochum, 'Female Eigenart - Between Protection and Exclusion. Femininity, Labour Rights, and the Politics of Access' Chair: Rory Hanna, Sheffield
12.30pm	lunch
1.30pm	Panel 2: Conceptualising Social Rights, from Local to Global Speakers: Manfred Wannoefel, Bochum, 'Global Social Rights and their limitations in the informal sector: the ILO Decent Work Programme with examples from India and Mexico'

Sophia Friedel, Bochum, 'The Paradox of Voice: Co-Determination, Industrial Democracy, and the Compulsion to Work'

Rory Hanna, Sheffield, 'Social rights and global unemployment: Günter Grass and a trade union development proposal for Tanzania, 1970-1973'

Julia Moses, Sheffield, 'Social Rights, Historical Thinking and Concepts of Universalism in postwar Europe'

Chair: Stefan Berger, Bochum

3-4.00pm Coffee and closing discussion (chairs: Stefan Berger, Julia Moses)

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