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# WORCK

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## WORCK Meeting 2 24 February 2021

Virtual Meeting hosted by  
Instituto de Estudos Medievais  
da Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas  
da Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal)

# WORCK in Progress

9:00–9:15am

## Welcome Address

*Gonçalo Melo da Silva (Local Host),  
Juliane Schiel (Action Chair),  
Johan Heinsen (Action Vice-Chair)*

9:15–10:15am

## Annotating Coercion: Data Stories for the WORCK Publication Platform

*Juliane Schiel (WG 1),  
Silke Schwandt (DH Team)*

10:15–10:45am

## Coffee Breakout Rooms

10:45–11:45am

## What Do We Mean by Fields of Coercion?

*Amal Shahid, Nicola Pizzolato (WG 2)*

12:00am–1:00pm

## Intersections of Labour Im/Mobility

*Vilhelm Vilhelmsson,  
Claudia Bernardi (WG 3)*

1:00–2:00pm

## Lunch Breakout Rooms

2:00–3:00pm

## State Socialism and Coercion Reading Group

*Hanne Østhus, Natalia Jarska (WG 4)*

3:00–3:30pm

## WORCK Blog – Research

### Illustrations – Podcasts

*Fernando Mendiola Gonzalo (Think Tank),  
Peter-Paul Bänziger (Think Tank),  
Anamarija Batista (Public Outreach),  
Corinna Peres (Public Outreach)*

3:30–4:00pm

## Coffee Breakout Rooms

4:00–5:00pm

## Roundtable Discussion: Running a COST Action in Pandemic Times

*Alicia Miguélez (CA18129),  
José María Pérez Fernández (CA18140),  
Mickael Pero (COST Science Officer),  
Juliane Schiel (CA18205),  
Giovanni Tarantino (CA18140),  
Paola von Wyss-Giacosa (CA18140),  
William Zammit (CA18140/CA18205)*

5:00–6:00pm

## Chill-Out Room with Observations from the Think Tank Coordinators

*Viola Müller, Gonçalo Melo da Silva (Think Tank)*

# Session Descriptions

## Annotating Coercion: Data Stories for the WORCK Publication Platform

The Working Group *Grammars of Coercion* (WG 1) presents the concept and table of content of a special issue on historical semantics, accepted for the OeZG in 2023. It then discusses the added value of a digital publication platform by sharing first experiences with annotating data stories and analysing semantics of coercion in a long-term and global perspective.

## What Do We Mean by Fields of Coercion?

The Working Group *Sites and Fields of Coercion* (WG 2) presents its next workshop (Amsterdam, May 2021) and invites to reflect on the concept of “fields of coercion”, i.e. how sites of coercion are connected among themselves.

## Intersections of Labour Im/Mobility

The Working Group *Im/Mobilisations of the Workforce* (WG 3) presents the concept of “im/mobility” as a tool to study the interrelated notions of labour mobility and immobilisation. The table of contents of an edited volume, planned for the De Gruyter book series on “Work in Global and Historical Perspectives”, will be introduced. Furthermore, it outlines the programme for the workshop on “Sites and Intersections of Labour Im/Mobility”, jointly organised with WG 2 and the Italian Society of Labour History (SISLAv) for June 2021. By putting the emphasis on the perspective of the working people, the group invites for a discussion on how differences in status, regulations and conditions of

labour may turn coercion into autonomy or turn mobility into immobilisation and vice versa.

## State Socialism and Coercion Reading Group

The Working Group *Intersecting Marginalities* (WG 4) presents its publication plans and the preliminary research idea of the “State Socialism and Coercion” Reading Group. The Reading Group explores men’s and women’s paid and unpaid work under state socialism.

## WORCK Blog – Research Illustrations – Podcasts

The Think Tank and Public Outreach Groups present ongoing projects to bridge the gap between the scientific community and a broader public. Besides two blog calls they will discuss an illustration project on how to visualise scientific content on “remuneration and coercion” and a podcast series on “working conditions in academia”.

## Roundtable Discussion: Running a COST Action in Pandemic Times

Representatives of ongoing COST Actions and the COST Association exchange experiences with digital network activities and discuss ideas for alternative investments and expenditures to promote international scientific collaboration.