Parallel sessions (Overview)

1. Structural changes and impacts on labour (Zeferino Vaz Auditorium)

1.1. New/digital economies (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)
- Birgit Mahnkopf - The false promises of digitalisation
- Martina Sroll - The devaluation of work through digitization
- João Gabriel Buonavita - UBER: deregulation and silent privatization
- Ravi Tripathi - The “New Economy” challenge: lessons from Germany and France
Chair: Vitor Filgueiras

1.2. Climate change, agriculture and natural resources (Thursday, 9 August, 9:00 – 11:00)
- Hans Awude - The role of trade unions in protecting agricultural employment in Ghana in the phase of climate change
- Óscar Gallo, Dan Hawkins - Reflexiones sobre el trabajo y la salud laboral en la producción de aceite de palma en Colombia
- Archana Prasad - Forest carbon supply chains and the international division of labour
- Debdulal Saha - Rural business, informalisation and precarious outcomes in plantation economy
Chair: Marcelo Proni

1.3. Global value chains, MNC and labour regimes (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)
- Mark Anner - The impact of global value chain consolidation and capital markets on labor conditions and workers’ rights in less developed countries
- Uma Amara Rani - Smart mobile phones in Brazil: industrial policy and labour governance
- Patrícia Rocha Lemos - Tecnologia e gestão do trabalho no Walmart Brasil
Chair: Archana Prasad

1.4. Working conditions, subcontracting and precarization (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 - 16:30)
- James Musonda - Now or never: the future of organised labour in Zambia’s mining sector
- Vinicius Sartorato - MERCOSUL-European Union negotiations: working class’ perspectives.
- Igor Figueiredo - Terceirização no setor de limpeza: precarização e desigualdades intra-setoriais
Chair: Joachim Beerhorst
2. Trade union organization and strategies (room 34)

2.1. New strategies and organizing (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)
Elaine Sio-ieng HUI - Worker-led attempt to build trade unions in China
Tamás Gerocs - Fragmentation in the Central European automotive industry
Natália Cindra - Juventude trabalhadora e os desafios da representação sindical: breves reflexões sobre os casos dos Comerciários e Telefónicos do Rio de Janeiro
Manuel Rosaldo - From informal work to decent work? Waste pickers’ struggles for labor rights in Brazil and Colombia
Chair: Nicolas Pons-Vignon

2.2. Trade unions and political strategies (Thursday, 9 August, 9:00 – 11:00)
Rebecca Tarlau - Teachers unions, political strategy, and educational change in Brazil, Mexico, and the U.S.
Vishwas Satgar, Michelle Williams - The crisis of national liberation nationalism in South Africa: the response of the National Union of Metal Workers (NUMSA) and the role of worker education
Dale Forbes, Marcelo Schmidt - A comparison of South Africa and Brazil – COSATU and the ANC; CUT and the PT
Chair: Shawna Bader-Blau

2.3. Trade unions and power resources (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)
Jacob Omolo - Trade union revitalization in Kenya: acquisition and utilization of power resources
Nicolas Pons-Vignon, Dias, Webster - Is the game rigged? A critical appraisal of the power resource approach
Chair: Mirko Herberg

2.4. Global challenges and international campaigns (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 - 16:30)
Kyungran Kim - The challenges of trade Unions in the digital economy: a case study of quick delivery service in Korea
Muttaqa Yushau - How do the nigerian transport union responds to Uber technologies
Chair: Jeremy Anderson

3. Labour regulation (room 35)

3.1 Labour law reforms (I) (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)
Cheng Li - Collective bargaining and judicial resolution mechanism in Brazil
Qiao Jian - Trade union reform: towards a better and more effective union system with chinese characteristics ? a case Study of the 2016 Shanghai reform of mass organizations
Luis Campos - La ofensiva del capital contra el trabajo en el plano jurídico: el año de las reformas laborales en Argentina y Brasil
Chair: Roberto Borghi

3.2 Labour law reforms (II) (Thursday, 9 August, 9:00 – 11:00)
Marcelo Manzano - Reforma laboral no Brasil e seus possíveis impactos econômicos à luz das precedentes experiências internacionais
Magda Biavaschi, Marilane Teixeira - The labor reform approved in Brazil: a regressive attack on social rights and the public institutions that operate in the labor world
Guilherme Caldas - A reforma trabalhista do governo Temer e o pensamento neoliberal
Chair: Bhabhali Nhlapo
3.3. Regulation, working conditions and working time (I) (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)
Vitor Filgueiras - “So easy and so difficult: labour regulation on the so-called new forms of work”
Ana Luíza Matos de Oliveira, Lygia Sabbag - Inequality in working time: an international trend
Anamitra Roychowdhury - Impact of labour regulations on employment conditions in Indian manufacturing
Chair: Stefanie Lorenzen

3.4. Regulation, working conditions and working time (II) (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 - 16:30)
Thays Almeida, Marlene Seiffarth - Paid domestic workers in Brazil – an analysis of the political and cultural conjunctures of labor rights
Monicah Gachuki - Formalization of domestic work in Kenya: a focus on protection of human rights.
Marileide Silva, Carolina Prates - Labour analogous to slavery: combat strategies and socioeconomic development in Brazil
Nathalie Reis Itaboraí - Labour rights and universal basic income: challenges to social protection for maternity and early childhood in Brazil
Chair: Marcelo Manzano

4. Development (room 36)

4.1. Labour markets (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)
Paulo Baltar, Eugênia Leone - Impactos da recessão no mercado de trabalho da região Nordeste do Brasil
Naomi Generoso Faustino - The influences of segregation and the neoliberalism in the new post-apartheid labor market
Ezgi Bagdadioglu, Cheng Li - The tripartite labour supply model as diversifier the cognitive rationale of dichotomies in theories of Economy
Chair: Carlos Salas

4.2. International division of labour and unequal exchanges (Thursday, 9 August, 9:00 – 11:00)
Roberto Borghi - The core-periphery dichotomy revisited: the Chinese trade specialization pattern with Latin American and African economies
Melegh Attila - Unequal exchanges, labor mobility from Eastern Europe and the radicalization of demographic nationalisms in Eastern Europe
Bruno de Conti - Hierarquia monetária e divisão internacional do trabalho
Chair: Paris Yeros

4.3. Informality, wages and gender gap (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)
Carolina Baltar - The effects of the Brazilian recession on wage inequality between men and women
Sonia George - Upheavals in infringing the formal-informal divide: engaging gender in the labour politics of Kerala, India
Sofia Scasserra - Ecommerce agenda, future of labor and the gender gap
Neil Coleman - The politics of transforming the apartheid wage structure in South Africa: the case of the national minimum wage
Chair: Martina Sproll
4.4. Social structures and migrations (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 - 16:30)

André Martins - A class that no one dares to call by its name: class conflicts and the “new middle class” in Lula da Silva and Dilma Rousseff’s Brazil (2003-2016)
Patricia Villen - Divisão internacional do trabalho e imigração no Brasil contemporâneo
Bilge Coban - Building livelihoods opportunities for syrian refugees in Turkey
Chair: Bruno Conti

GUF Workshops (room 20)

ITF: Union responses to technology: how to win better working conditions (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)
Facilitator: Jeremy Anderson

UNI: Filling the gap - securing workers’ data rights (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)
Facilitator: Christina Colclough

UNI: E-commerce and trade – why all but a few will lose and why we must stop it (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 – 16:30)
Facilitator: Christina Colclough

Agricultural value chain (Jorge Tápia Auditorium)

The economic and social upgrading in the upstream of mango value chain (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)
Mubashir Mehdi - The case of Pakistan
Thales Augusto M. Penha - The case of Brazil
Angela Akorsu - The case of Ghana
Commentator: Walter Belik

The economic and social upgrading in the upstream of rice value chain (Thursday, 9 August, 9:00 – 11:00)
Manish Kumar - The case of India
Jakir Hossain - The case of Bangladesh
Sergio Schneider - The case of Brazil
Commentator: Praveen Jha

The economic and social upgrading in the upstream of coffee value chain (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)
Santosh Verma - The case of India
Daniel Hawkins - The case of Colombia
Bruno Benzaquen Perosa - The case of Brazil
Do Quynh Chi - The case of Viet Nam
Commentator: Ishrat Gadhok

Round Table: Only for the researchers of the project (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 - 16:30)
Facilitators: Ismail Doga Karatepe and Christoph Scherrer
Global value chains – economic and social upgrading (Room 2)

**Theory (Wednesday, 8 August, 14:00–16:00)**
Christina Teipen, Fabien Mehl - Political economy of social upgrading
Hansjörg Herr, Petra Dünhaupt - Global value chains as part of a new imperialism?
Praveen Jha - Global production networks: what ‘gains’ for the South?

**Global value chains in the electronics & IT sector (Thursday, 9 August, 9:00 – 11:00)**
Carlos Salas - Electronic sector in Brazil
Shiying Liu - Electronic sector in China
Mengmeng Guo - IT sector in China

**Global value chain in the apparel sector (Thursday, 9 August, 11:00 – 13:00)**
Xiaiyan Liu - Apparel sector in China
Praveen Jha - Apparel sector in India
Carlos Salas - Global value chains and precariousness

**Global value chain in the automobile sector (Thursday, 9 August, 14:30 - 16:30)**
Alex Mashilo - Automobile sector in South Africa
Praveen Jha - Automobile sector in India
Shiying Liu - Automobile sector in China
Anselmo Luís dos Santos - Automobile sector in Brazil