

## CLOSING CONFERENCE OF THE ZIF RESEARCH GROUP

# In Search of the Global Labour Market

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**31<sup>st</sup> January–1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January (Plenary Hall)**

09:00 Arrival/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 **Capitalism and free wage labour**  
*Thomas Welskopp (Bielefeld)*

10:45-11:30 **What is exchanged in labour markets? Some heterodox thoughts**  
*Marcel van der Linden (Amsterdam)*

11:30–11:45 *Coffee break, ZiF cafeteria*

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

12:30–13:30 *Lunch, ZiF cafeteria*

**Panel 2: The market concept and its heuristic potential**

13:30–14:15 **What is so unique about labour markets?**  
*Patrik Aspors (Uppsala)*

14:15–14:45 **The production of labour markets since the 19th century**  
*Peter-Paul Bänziger (Basel)*

14:45–15:15 *Coffee and cake, ZiF cafeteria*

15:15–16:00 **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)*

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

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16:00–16:45 **Intermediaries and the making of cross-border labor markets**  
*Karen Shire (Duisburg-Essen)*

16:45–17:30 **Emergence and decline of institutions: A transnational perspective**  
*Sigrid Quack, (Duisburg-Essen)*

19:00 *Dinner at ZiF*

## **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February (Plenary Hall)**

### **Panel 3 cont'd**

09:00–09:45 **Immigration, social Networks and occupational mismatch (joint work with S. Alaverdyan)**  
*Anna Zaharieva (Bielefeld)*

09:45–10:30 **Cross-border journalism and mobility**  
*Sven Kesselring (Nürtingen-Geislingen)*

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break, ZiF cafeteria*

11:00–11:45 **Eastern European service contract workers in the German meat industry – A case study in market making of a transnational labour market**  
*Ursula Mense-Petermann (Bielefeld)*

11:45–12:30 **Can job search assistance improve the labour market integration of refugees?**  
*Michele Battisti (Glasgow)*

12:30–13:30 *Lunch, ZiF cafeteria*

### **Panel 4: Are there global labour markets?**

13:30–14:15 **The global and its scales**  
*Eleonore Kofman (London)*

14:15–15:00 **What are 'global' markets? Historical-sociological ideas**  
*Tobias Werron (Bielefeld)*

15:00–15:30 *Coffee and cake, ZiF cafeteria*

15:30–16:15 **Global policies and discourses of intergovernmental and nongovernmental international organisations: The example of refugees and migration**  
*Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick (London) & Alexandra Kaasch (Bielefeld)*

19:30 *Dinner (Restaurant Vahle, Wertherstraße 24, 33615 Bielefeld, self pay)*

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](mailto:trixi.valentin@uni-bielefeld.de)

The conference is free of charge.

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