

European Labour History Network(ELHN)  
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International Institute of Social History (IISH)

Labour & Empire working group  
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**'How Class Worked in the Age of Empire.  
Comparative and Transnational Perspectives'**



Programme for Friday 20 September

**09.00-10.30**            **'Knowing and not-knowing colonial violence' (Nettlau)**

Nicholas Owen (University of Oxford), 'Knowing and not-knowing colonial violence'

Justine Cousin (Paris Sorbonne), 'Colonial exploitation in the maritime industry. What was known and what was done'

Yann Béliard (Sorbonne Nouvelle), 'What Sylvia (Pankhurst) knew. Colonial violence in *The Workers' Dreadnought*, 1917-1924'

**11.00-12.30**            **'Labour, class and colonialism' (Souvarine)**  
[Chair : Yann Béliard]

1 / Dave Hyde (University of East London), 'Decolonisation and 'Development Untoward': crisis and conflict on Kenya's tea plantations, 1959-1960'

Olivier Coquelin (University of Caen-Normandy), 'Labour in the 1916-1923 Irish Revolution: Between Reformism and Syndicalism'

2 / Geoff Brown (independent researcher), 'Anti-imperialism and anti-racism in Manchester at the end of Empire, 1944-1950'

Olivier Esteves (University of Lille), "'Writing as if from the colonial frontier": (Post-)coloniality, race and class in letters of support to Enoch Powell (1968-1969)

**15.45-17.15**            **'Labour, Empire and (Im)mobility' (Souvarine)**  
[Chair : Alexander Geelen (IISH, Amsterdam)]

Merve Tosun (IISH, Amsterdam), 'Sweet cinnamon, bitter labour: dynamics of negotiating corvée obligations under the Dutch East India Company in Ceylon'

Samantha Sint Nicolaas (IISH, Amsterdam), 'Forced mobility: reconstructing the supply of labour to Batavia, 1650-1780'

Girija Joshi, (Leiden University), 'Pax Britannica? Brigandage and the colonial transition, c.1800-1840'