

Newsletter N. 7: Free and **Unfree Labour Relations in Amsterdam**

Dear members of the ELHN Working Group “Free and Unfree Labour”,

Before you all leave for your merited summer vacations we would like to provide you with important information on the approaching workshop, taking place on 8-9 September, and to give you some updates on future projects and plans concerning our working group and the ELHN network as a whole.

As we explained in our last newsletter, we will meet on **8/9 September in Amsterdam** to continue and intensify our debates on unfree labour relations. The aim of the workshop is twofold. Based on the questions and research problems we detected in Turin (ELHN Conference, December 2015) and Valencia (ESSHC, March 2016) we would first like to take these two days to sharpen our conceptual framework and to refine our terminology. For the purpose of an open exchange and the joint development of future research strategies, we won't have proper paper presentations but rather a mixture of short inputs, comments and collective reading meant to incite a fruitful discussion (see programme attached).

Second, we are going to prepare our performance as a working group at the **next ELHN conference, planned for late October or early November 2017 in Paris**. Ideally, discussions could end up in a concrete planning of sessions and papers taking up our three main issues of “autonomy and heteronomy” (1), “degrees (or moments) of coercion” (2) and “precarity and control” (3). For this, please see the CFP attached. If you feel you would like to contribute the ELHN conference in Paris, please send us a first draft of your **paper proposal by 4 September**.

As matters stand, we will be 25 people at Amsterdam, but of course, if you are interested in participating and you haven't registered yet, **you are still welcome to join in**.

So far, however, the following persons have registered for the workshop (and please let us know if your name is missing on the list!):

Marcelo Badaro, Eloisa Betti, Jeannine Bischoff, Giulia Bonazza, Pepijn Brandon, Christian De Vito, Rebecca Haidt, Johan Lund Heinsen, Julia Holzmann, David Janning, Josef Köstlbauer, Marcel van der Linden, Rebekka von Mallinckrodt, Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk, Maria Luisa Pesante, Zhanna Popova, Matthias van Rossum, Jesus Agua de la Roza, Juliane Schiel, Elena Smolarz, Fia Sundevall, Paulo Terra, Stefanie Walther, Klaus Weber.

Many of you will be housed at the International Institute for Research and Education (IIRE). Here, we were able to reserve one two-beds-room and three four-beds-rooms. Accommodations are very basic and have shared bathrooms. But we can stay there for 25 EUR per person per night. Right now, we still have some more beds at our disposal. So, if you would like to join and stay at the IIRE, please let us know **by July, 15**, at the latest, so that we can confirm the definite number of guests. If you wish more comfort, that's no problem of course. We would then just ask you to book your own hotel room and to keep us informed about your plans.

For Thursday evening (8 September), we would like to carry on our Turin tradition and organise an aperitif party combined with an entertaining book boxing event. So, if you have recently published or edited something in relation to unfree labour you could present yourself and your book over a glass of wine and share your latest insights in an informal way with us.

We are very excited about meeting as many of you as possible in Amsterdam and developing future research strategies with you.

Best wishes,

Christian G. De Vito, Matthias van Rossum, Jesùs Agua de la Roza and Juliane Schiel.