

Global Labour History in Perspective: Shipbuilding Industry and Globalization since 1950

By examining shipbuilding since 1950, the global importance of the industry in transportation, global trade, commodity chains, steel production, and military defence can be highlighted. The economic crisis of the 1970s and 1980s led to a global structural change in the industry. With shipbuilding, along with mining and steel production, being important industries in Europe and Japan, the consequences of the crisis resulted in the reorganization of Western European and Scandinavian shipyards and production methods. Due to intense international competition in the shipbuilding market, production centres began to be relocated to East Asia and other newly industrialized countries.

The workshop brings together some twenty researchers from different world regions who will provide insight in labour history and labour conflicts from different shipbuilding territories. The workshop arises from a global labour history project, under the initiative of the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam as well as following the approach of earlier comparative studies on the history of dockworkers and of textile workers. The workshop is promoted and developed by the Centre for Area Studies at the University of Leipzig.

Venue

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Friday, 22 June

University of Leipzig, Seminar Building,
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8:30 **REGISTRATION**

9:30–10:00 **INTRODUCTION**

- *Matthias Middell (CAS U Leipzig, Germany)*
Processes of Globalization
- *Marcel van der Linden (IISG Amsterdam, Netherlands)*
Global Labour History in Making

10:00–11:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Chair: *Raquel Varela*

- *Reinhard Kößler (Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut, Germany)*
International Division of Labour

11:00–11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30–13:00 **FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT**

Chair: *Marcel van der Linden*

- *Raquel Varela (U Lisbon, Portugal)*
Shipbuilding 1945–2000 – A Global Overview.
Framework of the Project

13:00–14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30–17:00 **PAPER PRESENTATION:
SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IN EUROPE I**

Chair: *Paula Nabuco*

- *Rubén Vega García (U Oviedo, Spain)*
Workers and Crisis in a Middle-size Shipyard
- *José Gómez Alén (Archivos CCOO Galiza)*
From Bazan to Navantia – A History of Shipbuilding
- *Jorge Fontes (IHC / FCSH, Portugal)*
Setenave—An Economic and Social History

- *Valter Zanin (U Padua, Italy)*
Development of the Italian Shipyards (1950–2010) (tbc)
- *Giulia Strippoli / Davide Tabor (U Turin, Italy)*
The Shipyard of Sestri Ponente (Genova)—Sources and Tools

17:00–17:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

17:30–19:00 **DISCUSSION ABOUT FRAMEWORK AND
RESEARCH QUESTIONS OF THE PROJECT**

Chair: *Raquel Varela*

Commentary: *Andreas Maurer (U Bremen, Germany)*

Saturday, 23 June

University of Leipzig, Seminar Building,
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9:30–11:00 **PAPER PRESENTATION:
SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IN EUROPE II**

Chair: *Johanna Wolf*

- *Tapio Bergholm (U Turku, Finland)*
Lex Wärtsilä – Wild Strikes of Shipyards, Incomes Policy,
Government and Trade Unions
- *Hans-Jakob Ågotnes / Jan Heiret (U Bergen, Norway)*
The Production Unit as a Transnational Meeting Place –
Work and Inclusion at a Local Wharf in Bergen, Norway
- *Asli Odman (Istanbul Health & Safety Labour Watch, Turkey)*
The Development of the Tuzla Shipbuilding Region /
Istanbul by Four Scalar Shifts between 1964–2010

11:00–11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30–13:00 **PAPER PRESENTATION: SHIPBUILDING
INDUSTRY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

Chair: *Jorge Fontes*

- *Wonchul Shin (Pusan National U, South Korea)*
The Evolution of Internal Subcontracting Arrangements in
the East Asian Shipbuilding Industry

- *S. M. Fahimuddin Pasha (CSI, India)*
Socio-Economic Condition of Workers in
Shipbuilding Industry in India – A Special
Reference to Bharati Shipyard Limited
- *Paula Nabuco (U Federal Fluminense, Brazil)*
The Contemporary International Division
of Labour and Shipbuilding in China –
The Dalian Shipyard

13:00–14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30–16:00 **PAPER PRESENTATION: SHIPBUILDING
INDUSTRY IN THE AMERICAS**

Chair: *Paula Nabuco*

- *Robin Dearmon Muhammad (U Ohio, USA)*
Shipbuilding and Containerization in the United
States, 1945–2000
- *Elina Pessanha / Luísa Barbosa Pereira (U Federal
do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)*
Shipbuilding in Brazil – Labour Strategies of
Resistance, Politics and Justice
- *Juliana Frassa / Cintia Russo (U de La Plata, Argentina)*
The Shipbuilding Industry in Argentine – Trajectory
of Two State Owned Enterprises

16:00–16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:30–18:00 **COMMENTARY AND
FINAL DISCUSSION**

Chair: *Raquel Varela*

Commentary: *Marcel van der Linden and Matthias Middell*

18:00 **END**