

Book Presentation

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Brazilian Labour History – New Perspectives in Global Context

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Brazilian Labour History has, over the last two decades, become an important reference point for the international debate about a renewed labour and working-class history. It has greatly broadened its conceptual scope by integrating issues of gender, race, and ethnicity and has moved towards studying the whole gamut of labour relations in Brazil's history – with a special emphasis on the manifold interconnections between free and unfree as well as formal and informal labour. This expanding scholarship has also shed new light on more “classic” topics, such as strikes, unionism, or the role of labour policies in redefining workers strategies. In the recent volume “*Brazilian Labour History – New Perspectives in Global Context*” 13 authors working on a wide range of topics offer a panoramic survey of the current research efforts in Brazilian labour history and enter into conscious dialogue with the debates and findings of scholarship in other world regions.

In this presentation two of the editors of this volume – **Alexandre Fortes** (Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro) and **David Mayer** (re:work, Humboldt University, Berlin) – will introduce the themes, debates, and stakes documented in the volume. They will also address some of the issues related to the possibilities and difficulties in building a real global dialogue in labour history.

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