

The Workshop

Precarity and precarization have become a central political topic and a highly controversial issue in academic debate. The dramatic precarization in countries of Southern Europe offers a powerful example of the formation of new peripheries which can no longer be explained by concepts such as structural heterogeneity, formality vs. informality, or overly simple conceptions of center/(semi-)periphery. Current modes of transnationalization of capitalist accumulation and regulation seem to have developed complex forms of in- and exclusion on different levels which still need to be further investigated. In the workshop we want to open a dialogue – mainly between Latin America and Southern Europe – by addressing the following questions:

- » Which forms of precarization can be detected and classified? Is precarization an overarching tendency in different regions of the world?
- » What are the common features and what are possible explanations for differences and commonalities?
- » How is precarization (de-)regulated and produced on different levels (internationally, nationally, on the shop floor, etc.) and which actors are involved?
- » What is the role of the state? What kind of changes in social structures and social inequalities can be identified, and how does that affect and reflect the shifting relation of the spheres of production and reproduction?

Information for participants:

Participation in the workshop is free of charge and limited to 50 persons.

Registration and further information:

E-Mail: precarization@web.de

Please submit your registration only via e-mail until the 1st of October at the latest.

Venue and access:

The workshop will be held at the Henry-Ford-Building/FU Berlin, Senate Assembly Hall (2nd floor), Garystraße 35, 14195 Berlin

How to get there:

Metro line U3 (direction to Krumme Lanke), station Thielplatz.

Coordination:

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International Workshop

The production of peripheries – Precarization processes in states and labor markets

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Conference program:

Thursday, 8th October

09:00 – 10:00

- Welcome note Marianne Braig (FU Berlin/desiguALdades.net)
- Introduction Martina Sproll (FU Berlin/desiguALdades.net)

10:00 – 12:30 Panel I: Theoretical concepts of precarization and peripheries

- **Franz Schultheis** (University of St. Gallen, Switzerland): *Marginalization and precarization as manifestations of transnational symbolic rule and power*
- **Klaus Dörre** (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany): *Precarization as a mode of capitalist „Landnahme“*
- **Juan Pablo Pérez Sainz** (FLACSO, Costa Rica): *Precarization as disempowerment of wage laborers. Reflections from Latin America*
- **Verónica Schild** (University of Western Ontario, Canada): *Precarization and new gender orders: On social reproduction, labor regimes and the State*

Moderation/comment: Reinhart Kößler
(Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut, Freiburg)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 18:00 Panel II: Empirical Insights: (De-)Regulation of work and labor markets; impacts on workers mobilization

- **Marcia de Paula Leite** (University of Campinas, Brazil): *Contradictions of labor in Brazil: A discussion regarding the Information Technology and Communication sectors*
- **Raquel Varela** (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal): *State policies towards casualization in Portugal*
- **Alfredo Hualde** (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico): *Labor precariousness and flexible trajectories in Mexico: garment industry workers, call center workers and orchestra musicians*
- **Paula Abal Medina** (Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina): *Union activism and resistance in Argentina's call centers*

Moderation/comment: Franz Schultheis
(University of St. Gallen, Switzerland)

Friday, 9th October

09:00 – 12:30 Panel III: Shifts in the relationship between production and reproduction – the role of the State and the production of inequalities

- **Elísio Estanque** (University of Coimbra, Portugal): *Precariousness and conflict in the “middle class” ranks*
- **Bila Sorj** (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): *Social policies in favelas and the deprofessionalization of caring*
- **Nico Weinmann** (University of Kassel, Germany): *The making and unmaking of domestic work in Latin America*
- **Maria Markantonatou** (University of the Aegean, Greece): *The Greek “politics of fulfillment” as basis for precarious statehood within the Eurozone*

Moderation/comment: Brigitte Aulenbacher
(Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria)

12:30 – 13:00 Conclusion and prospects