



International Winter School

GLOBAL LABOURSCAPES | Labour in Africa: Historical and Social Dynamics

13 - 17 December 2021
Aula 5 – Palazzo Centrale
University of Pavia

Why *Labour in Africa*?

In recent years labour studies have experienced resurgent interest and important advances: from viewing labour issues in a linear and geographically insulated manner to a global re-centred approach and scope. Despite this “global” approach and agenda within different fields, research and investments have not been occurring with a geographically and sectoral distribution. Indeed, Africa has received woefully insufficient attention. Thus, this event stands as an opportunity to provide key insights about labour issues - such as labour regimes, labour relations, trade unionism, rural vs. urban labour, labour ethnicisation, disabled labour, and so on - from an interdisciplinary and intersectoral perspective.

About *Global LabourScapes*

The concept of Global LabourScapes is the result of extensive discussions among international cooperation experts, entrepreneurs, and academic scholars about the need for further integration between international cooperation initiatives, private sector and scholarship. More specifically, the idea of establishing a platform to facilitate better integration of different approaches arose while discussing labour issues in the Horn of Africa, where the implementation of Private and Public Partnership projects is delivering promising results.

Global LabourScapes’ programme will unfold over a 5-day agenda consisting of keynote speeches, round tables and workshops where international scholars, private practitioners and international cooperation experts will discuss different labour-related topics, ranging from social issues and value-added activities, to business opportunities and international cooperation challenges. Thus, different perspectives and complementary methodological approaches will be discussed throughout the week.

The School, whose official languages are Italian and English, offers a unique opportunity for participants to convene, meet, and network with leading international experts in the field of global labour history, textile value chain, and African Studies, as well as on manpower ethnicization and inclusion of people with disabilities in the labour market, openly debating crucial and controversial issues, critically examining deep-rooted imagination, and making informed opinions about past and recent developments, and current and future challenges.

About *Global Scapes*

The purpose of this interdisciplinary and intersectoral Winter School is to reflect each year on a different value chain as an opportunity to discuss social, power, labour, geopolitical, business and cooperation relations that the supply chain creates, with an inclusive approach to ease the dialogue among the academy, international agencies and the private sector. The School offers a long-term, interdisciplinary and multifaceted approach, dealing with a wide range of topics, events, and places from ancient times to the present day, and shedding light – from bottom up and top down perspectives – on the variety of public and private actors involved in the presented commodity chain, underlining their roles, attitudes, behaviours, vulnerabilities and opportunities.



Eligibility

The course is open to MA and PhD students, as well as post-docs, researchers, and scholars in the fields of Humanities, Social Sciences, Development and Cooperation.

Besides, it is open also to private and public stakeholders interested in global value chains.

Admission

25 places are reserved for MA students (SAA, WPIR, SERI) in the Department of Political and Social Sciences. Attendance at classes (75%) is mandatory.

A certificate will be issued at the end of the course.

Students must submit a written report by February 28, 2022 to access 6 CFU

Lectures, workshops and round tables are open to the public, and all those interested are warmly welcome to attend.

Application

Applicants must fill the **Application Form** by December 10, 2021 for student applicants

Venue

All classes will take place in Aula 5 of the University of Pavia.

Accommodation

The participants will cover travel and lodging expenses.

Participants will be provided with a list of hotels and B&B in order to help them find suitable accommodations.

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