

**International Conference**  
**“Human Rights/Social Rights: The Twentieth-Century Predicament”**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 2 December 2010**

*Einstein Forum Potsdam*

*Am Neuen Markt 7, 14467 Potsdam*

**6.15 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.**

Welcome

**Susan Neiman** (Einstein Forum) and **Martin Sabrow** (ZZF Potsdam)

**6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Public keynote lecture

**Frederick Cooper** (New York University): *Social Rights and Sovereignty at the End of Empire: Labour and Economic Development in Decolonizing Africa*

Moderator: **Andreas Eckert** (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

**8 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.**

Reception

**8.30 p.m.**

Dinner

**Friday, 3 December 2010**

*Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam*

*Am Neuen Markt 9d, 14467 Potsdam*

**9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.**

Introduction: **Małgorzata Mazurek** (ZZF Potsdam): *Human Rights/Social Rights: The Twentieth Century Predicament*

**9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Session 1: Historical Trajectories of Human Rights/Social Rights**

Chair: **Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann** (ZZF Potsdam)

Papers: **Saul Dubow** (University of Sussex): *Human Rights in South Africa: A Long and Fractured Tradition*

**Timothy M. James** (University of South Carolina, Beaufort): *Social Rights as 'Higher Law' Discourse and Constitutional Law, before, during and after the Mexican Revolution (1830s-1930s)*

**11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.**

Coffee Break

**11.30 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.**

**Session 2: Rights Revolutions in the Wake of War**

Chair: **Małgorzata Mazurek** (ZZF Potsdam)

Papers: **Katherine E. Lebow** (Newcastle University): *Autobiography and Rights in Poland, 1933-1948*

**Atina Grossmann** (The Cooper Union): *Displacement and Human Rights: Jewish Claims to Rights, Social Provisioning and Nationhood in the Aftermath of War, Flight and Genocide*

**Marco Duranti** (Yale University): *Recasting Human Rights Discourse After the Second World War. The European Convention and the Conservative Turn*

**1.15 p. m. - 2.30 p.m.**

Lunch

**2.30 p.m. - 4. p.m.**

**Session 3: Contesting Unfree Labour**

Chair: **Jürgen Kocka** (Freie Universität zu Berlin/WZB/ZZF Potsdam) (not confirmed)

Papers: **Eric Allina-Pisano** (University of Ottawa): *Negotiating Labour for Colonial Subjects in Mozambique: The View of the Local Colonial Administrators*

**Sandrine Kott** (Université de Genève): *Defining Social Rights in the Cold War Context: The Forced Labour Issue (1947-1973)*

**4 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.**

Coffee Break

**4.15 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.**

**Session 4: State Socialism, Welfare and Rights Talk**

Chair: **Sandrine Kott** (Université de Genève)

Papers: **Paul Betts** (University of Sussex): *Socialism, Social Rights and Civilisation*

**Mark B. Smith** (University of Leeds): *The Right to Welfare in the Soviet Union from Stalin to Brezhnev*

**Celia Donert** (ZZF Potsdam): *Rights Seen Through the Looking Glass: Women and Welfare in Socialist Europe*

**7 p.m.**

Dinner

**Saturday, 4 December 2010**

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**9.30. a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Session 5: Rights, International Aid and Development**

Chair: **Andreas Eckert** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Papers: **Alexander Nützenadel** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): *Freedom from Want: International Food Aid and Human Rights after 1945*

**Matthew Hilton** (University of Birmingham): *International Aid and Development NGOs in Britain and Human Rights since 1945*

**11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.**

Coffee Break

**11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Session 6: Social Rights and the Post-Welfare State**

Chair: **Paul Betts** (University of Sussex)

Papers: **Rossana Rocha Reis** (University of São Paulo): *The Right to Land as a Human Right in Brazil*

**Lucie Lamarche** (Université d'Ottawa): *Claiming Social Rights – Promoting All Human Rights: A Contemporary Exploration of the How and Why of Social Rights in Post Welfare State Canada*

**1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.**

Lunch

**2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.**

**Session 7: Race, Rights and International Politics**

Chair: **Frederick Cooper** (New York University)

Papers: **Ryan M. Irwin** (Monash University): *'The Gordian Knot:' Untangling the Rights Question in Southwest Africa, 1960-1966*

**Roland Burke** (Latrobe University): *Decolonisation, the Third World, and the Paradoxical Internationalisation of Economic and Social Rights*

**4.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.**

Coffee Break

**4.45 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.**

Final paper and discussion

**Klaus Mühlhahn** (Freie Universität Berlin), „**Conceptualizing Social Rights in Republican China: Luo Longji's Theory of Human Rights (1929)** “ (not confirmed)