



# 16<sup>TH</sup> AJEI WORKSHOP



11 – 14 February 2014

Committee Room, SSS-1, JNU – New Delhi

## LABOUR MOBILITY AND MOBILIZATION PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Organizers:

**Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies (CIS&LS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi**

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## Programme at a glance

Welcome and registration of the participants of the workshop. Monday, 10th of February

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### **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

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Inaugural Lecture by Barbara Harriss-White (University of Oxford)

Chair- Sudha Pai (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

#### **Session 1: Labour, castes, classes and communities: a historical perspective**

Chair: Archana Prasad (CISLS, JNU)

Discussant: Archana Prasad and David Picherit (IFP)

#### **Session 2: The daily lives of workers: ethnographies of Labour**

Chair: Pradeep K. Shinde (CISLS, JNU)

Discussant: Pradeep K. Shinde (CISLS, JNU), Avinash Kumar (CISLS) and Jules Naudet (CSH)

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#### **Session 3: Patterns and Determinants of Employment in Contemporary India: an economic perspective on Labour**

Chair: Leila Choukroune (CSH)

Discussant: Leila Choukroune (CSH) and Remi de Bercegol (LATTIS)

#### **Session 4: Labour migrations and mobilities**

Chair: Ruma Ghosh (VVGNI)

Discussant: Christophe J. Nordman (IRD), Ruma Ghosh (VVGNI), and David Picherit (IFP)

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#### **Session 5: Labour insecurity and precariousness**

Chair: Praveen Jha (CISLS, JNU)

Discussant: Sumangala Damodaran (Ambedkar University) and Barbara Harriss – White (Oxford University)

#### **Session 6: Informality and Informalisation**

Chair: Lorraine Kennedy (CNRS-CEIAS)

Discussant: Lorraine Kennedy (CNRS-CEIAS) and Jules Naudet (CSH)

## Monday, 10th of February

5 - 8 pm	Welcome and registration of the participants staying at the guest house.
<i>Dinner</i>	

## Tuesday, 11th of February

9.45 am	<p>Welcome by</p> <p>Praveen Jha (Professor and Chairperson, CISLS, JNU)</p> <p>Presentation of the activities of CSH by Leila Choukroune (Director – CSH)</p>
10.15– 11.15 pm	<p>Inaugural address by Professor Barbara Harriss–White : "<i>Implications of Self-Employment/Petty production for Labour Theory and Practical Politics</i>" (Tentative Title)</p> <p>Chaired by Professor Sudha Pai, Rector of the Jawaharlal Nehru University</p>
11.15 - 11.30 <i>Tea</i>	
11.30 - 1.00 pm	<p><b>Session 1: Labour, castes, classes and communities: a historical perspective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Marquet (Université Paris Diderot Paris 7), "<i>Les huiliers ont-ils le droit de construire des maisons en brique? Conflits et ascension sociale a Pondichery au XIXe siècle. (Do the Oil manufacturers have the right to build brick houses? Conflicts and social ascension in 19th Century Pondicherry)</i></li> <li>Pankhuree Dube (Emory University, USA), <i>From Vagrant to Industrious Settled Labourer: Adivasi Labour of the Central Provinces, 1871-1911</i></li> </ul>
1.00pm – 2.00 pm <i>Lunch</i>	

2.00 – 3.30 pm	<p><b>Session 2: The daily lives of workers: ethnographies of Labour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrien Bouzard (Université Paris-Ouest Nanterre), <i>Entre caste et classe, le rôle des communautés de métier dans la construction d'une identité batelière à Bénarès. (Between cast and class: the role of work communities in the construction of a watermen identity in Benares.)</i></li> <li>• Proggya Ghatak, (National institute of Social Work and Social Science, Bhubaneshwar), <i>Changing Livelihood and Community Disintegration : A Case of Lodha from West Bengal</i></li> </ul>
3.30 - 3.45 Tea	
3.45- 5.15 pm	<p><b>Session 3: The daily lives of workers: ethnographies of Labour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabien Provost (Université Paris-Ouest Nanterre), <i>"Reconstructing the history of the case" : la mise en récit des corps morts dans le travail médico-légal en Inde ("Reconstructing the history of the case" : the narrative of dead bodies in forensic medicine in India)</i></li> <li>• Nicolas Lainé (Université Paris-Ouest Nanterre), <i>Working with elephants. Exploring Khamtis-elephants working communities in Northeast India</i></li> </ul>

## Wednesday, 12th of February

10.00 – 11.30 am	<p><b>Session 3: Patterns and Determinants of Employment in Contemporary India: an economic perspective on Labour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandhya Krishnan (University of Amsterdam &amp; Mumbai University), <i>Determinants of Access to Employment Opportunities in liberalized India : Evidence from the BPO Industry in Mumbai</i></li> <li>• Rahul Menon (CESP, JNU), <i>Industrial sector growth and patterns of employment : A look at the Indian Manufacturing Industry</i></li> </ul>
11.30-11.45 Tea	

11.45 am – 1.15 pm	<p><b>Session 4: Labour migrations and mobilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rupsa Ray (CSSS, Calcutta), <i>The Dialectics of Migration and Unionization in Calcutta Jute Mills</i></li> <li>• Floriane Bolazzi (IEDES, Paris), <i>Networks and Mobility. Palanpurs 'study case.</i></li> </ul>
1.15- 2.00 pm <i>Lunch</i>	
2. 00 – 3.30 pm	<p><b>Session 4: Labour migrations and mobilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rukmini Thapa &amp; Deepak K.Mishra (CSR, JNU), <i>Migration and Mobility of Rural Labour in West Bengal : Insights from the Field</i></li> <li>• Sébastien Michiels (IFP, Pondicherry, Bordeaux IV), <i>Diversité des dynamiques de migration. Une analyse empirique des phénomènes migratoires en Inde du Sud (Diversity of migration dynamics. An Empiric analysis of migratory phenomenons in South India)</i></li> </ul>
3.30- 3.35 Tea	
3.45 – 5.00 pm	<p><b>Methodological Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alexandre CEBEILLAC (Rouen – CSH) : Open source cartography</li> </ul>

## Thursday, 13th of February

10.00 – 11.30 am	<p><b>Session 5: Labour insecurity and precariousness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soraya Hamache (CEMMC, Bordeaux-III), <i>Les travailleurs de l'industrie Bollywood : approches historique et sociologique (Workers from the Bollywood Film Industry : Sociological and historical approaches)</i></li> <li>• Nithya Joseph (IFP, Pondicherry), <i>But, without advances, no one will come! The roles of debt in labour contracts in a South Indian silk-reeling hub</i></li> </ul>
11.30- 11.45 Tea	

11.45 -12.30 pm	<p><b>Session 5: Labour insecurity and precariousness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnaud Kaba (EHESS), <i>Les cultures du précarariat : Valeurs au travail et valeur du travail. (The "Precariats" Cultures : values at work and work's value amongst metal workers in Madhya Pradesh)</i></li> </ul>
12.30- 1.30 Lunch	
1.30 – 3.45 pm	<p><b>Session 6: Informality and Informalisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lola Sales (Université Paris-Ouest Nanterre), <i>La rue et les espaces publics à l'épreuve du commerce informel: l'informel comme clé de lecture des métropoles indiennes. L'exemple des processus de territorialisation des vendeurs des rues autour des espaces de transit à Mumbai. (The informal Sector as a key to comprehend Indian Metropolises : Territorialisation processes of street vendors around transit spaces in Mumbai)</i></li> <li>• Sonal Sharma &amp; Eesha Kundurr (School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi), <i>Exploring the dynamics of labour market decisions of women workers in the city of Delhi : An indicative analysis through the lens of gender, space and identity.</i></li> <li>• Debarun Sarkar (Presidency University, Calcutta), <i>Domestic Workers: collectivization and Policy-Making</i></li> </ul>
3.45- 4.00 pm Tea	
4.00 – 6.00 pm	<p><b>Methodological Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnaud Kaba : Qualitative Interview in Ethnography</li> </ul>

## Friday, 14th of February

10.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Methodological Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rémi de Bercegol : works clusters and words from the field</li> </ul>
12.30- 2.00 pm Lunch	
2.30 – 5pm	Visit of a factory in Delhi

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## **AJEI workshop: How does it work?**

The Association of Young Indian Studies (AJEI) exists since 1998. Every year, the Association organizes a one-day seminar in France and a four-day workshop in India that brings together young researchers and experienced scholars from France and India.

For the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the workshop (2014), the host institution is the Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies (CIS&LS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi.

As a non-profit-making Association, we follow a few principles:

### **Participation**

- ♣ Every participant has to send his full text in English a few weeks before the workshop. It will be forwarded to the discussant.

### **Accommodation:**

- ♣ The accommodation is provided to all outside participants during the full workshop (from the night before the first day).
- ♣ Most probably, due to space problem, the young scholars will share a double room.

### **Transport:**

- ♣ The transports will be paid back on the basis of the 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeper class train ticket (ex: Kolkata to Delhi, go and return ticket = 1200 INR approx.)

### **Food:**

- ♣ The food is provided.

### **Activities (free for the participants)**

- ♣ One cultural evening will be organized (ex: a film projection or a concert).
- ♣ The last day of the workshop is devoted to a cultural visit in the city (on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February)

### **Subscription**

- ♣ Every participant has to complete and send to the organizers the registration form (the link is available on the AJEI website : <http://ajei.hypotheses.org/> )