

# Etudes Globales

## **Labor, coercion and rights. Local Bondage in Global perspective.**

### **PSL Winter School, in collaboration with the ILO**

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The persistence nowadays of coerced labor in many parts of the world, especially in Africa and the IOW, but also in Asia and to a given extent, in the global north, reflects the complex ways in which colonialism and global capitalism interacted with on-going changes in these regions yielding a mosaic of different labor regimes. Even to this day, demand for coercible labor contributes to trafficking in vulnerable people. The International Labor Organization estimates that there were 21 million men, women, and children working under forced labor conditions as recently as 2012, 73% are in Africa and the IOW. Of the approximately 700,000 to 2,400,000 people trafficked annually across international borders today, 88% are women and children.

More than two centuries after the universal declaration of the rights of men, the French and the American Revolutions, then the official and progressive abolitions of slaveries around the world and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, despite the ONU's universal chart of human rights, human bondage and trafficking still are widely spread around the world. Why is it so?

By undertaking a radical re-examination of the historical forms of labour, how they were defined and how they were practices, we expect to discuss:

- the relationship between market dynamics and forms of coercion in various regions of the world
- the various ways in which enslaved and bonded men, women, and children resisted coerced labour.

- the impact and limits of international organizations, legal institutions, and the emerging international regime of worker and human rights.

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This winter school addresses PhD students concerned with these topics. Leading scholars in the field, expert analysts from the ILO and NGOs will lead the discussions and students will be invited to present their ongoing projects.

Selected students will be entirely sponsored by the PSL University Project “Global Studies” .

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### **Applications include:**

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Summary of the thesis

Summary and title of the paper to be discussed

Letter from a PSL supervisor.

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By August the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Results: by September the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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