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Labour Migration
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International Workshop

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Uni S, Room S 201

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Races, Immigration: United States. New York City. Immigrant Station

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- 09:00 Opening – Christof Dejung (Universität Bern)
09:10 Introduction – Agnes Gehbald / Philipp Horn /
Rea Vogt (Universität Bern)

09:30 – 12:15 Panel I

Repeated Crossings and Temporary Stays: Beyond a Linear Understanding of Labour Migration in the Atlantic World | Chair: Manon-Julie Borel (Social Anthropology, Universität Bern)

- 09:30 Patrick Romuald Jie Jie (Université de Bertoua ENS)
Temporary Migration of Baptist Missionary Workers from Jamaica to Cameroon (1841–1886)
10:15 *Coffee break*
10:45 Annemarie Steidl (Universität Wien)
Return to Europe: Transatlantic Temporary Movements from the Habsburg Empire to the United States of America, 1890s to 1914
11:30 Agnes Gehbald (Universität Bern)
Earning and Returning: Migrant Statistics in the Americas, 1857–1911

14:00 – 16:45 Panel II

Between Hinge Joints and Conflict Zones: Atlantic Spaces of Labour Migration | Chair: Laura Rowitz (Middle Eastern Studies, Universität Bern)

- 14:00 Giota Tourgeli (Panteion University, Athens)
Greek Ports and the Commerce of Transatlantic Movement
14:45 Philipp Horn (Universität Bern)
A Lawyer from Cotonou and the Job at the Edge of the World: Labour Migration and Black Solidarity in the French Speaking Atlantic around 1900
15:30 *Coffee break*
16:00 Darold Cuba (University of Cambridge)
Labour Migration & Crisis of Identities in the Colonized Trans-Atlantic World: Freedmen, Africans, Europeans & Temporary Immigrants – (Post?) Colonial Tensions of Racialized Migrations and Socio-Economic Constructs

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9:15 – 12:00 Panel III

Business People on the Move: Workers, Goods, and Capital across the Atlantic | Chair: Derya Bozat (Eastern European History, Universität Bern)

- 9:15 William Blakemore Lyon (Universität Zürich)
Before Ponzi, There was Zarossi: The Origins of the Modern Racket via Italian Migrants in Colonial Namibia and Canada
10:00 Stacy D. Fahrenthold (UC Davis)
Fase Siria: The Improvised Syrian American Textile Industry on Madeira Island
10:45 *Coffee break*
11:15 Rea Vogt (Universität Bern)
“An Emigration of Going and Coming”:
Transatlantic Trajectories of Lebanese Yerba Mate Merchants, 1910–1950

14:00 – 16:45 Panel IV

Mobile Memories: Narratives of Migration and Transgenerational Crossings in the Atlantic | Chair: Elize Mazadiego (World Art History, Universität Bern)

- 14:00 Willy Didié Foga Konefon (University of Douala)
Rereading the History of Africa across the Atlantic: From Forced Migrations to the Ideas of Emancipation and Autonomy of the Black World Africa
14:45 *Coffee break*
15:15 Stefano Gallo (ISMed / CNR Naples)
The Production of a Narrative of Migration: The “Golondrinas” between Italy and Argentina
16:00 Julia Harnoncourt (University of Luxembourg)
Transgenerational Atlantic Crossings: Labour Migration from Brazil in the Beginning of 20th Century
16:45 *Coffee break*
17:00 Closing Remarks & Final Discussion
– Agnes Gehbald / Philipp Horn / Rea Vogt

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