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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Contemporary Slavery, Human Rights & Socio-Environmental Justice

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

13:00 - 19:00

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

09:00 - 14:30

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OPENING SESSION

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Concepts and Theories of Slavery and Forced Labour

- Saulo de Matos

Federal University of Pará, Belém/Brazil
- Andreas Niederberger

University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen/Germany

PANEL 1

14:30 - 16:30

Slavery in Global Supply Chains and Their Governance I

- Áurea Helena Santos Duarte

Federal University of Pará, Belém/Brazil
- Child Labor in the Açaí-Production Chain

- Ricardo Dib Taxi

ONLINE

Federal University of Pará, Belém/Brazil

The Volkswagen Farm: Corporate Liability, Debt Bondage, and the Brazilian Legal Contribution to the Global Debate on Modern Slavery

- Christian Scheper

INEF, University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg/Germany

Whose Accountability? The Politics of Governance and Contestation in European Supply Chain Regulation

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PANEL 2

17:00 - 19:00

Slavery in Global Supply Chains and Their Governance II

- Carolina Bejarano Martínez

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg/Germany
- The Jurisprudential Construction of Modern Slavery in the Inter-American Human Rights System

- Julia Drubel

Technical University Darmstadt, Darmstadt/Germany

From Labor Rights to Market Standards: The EU and the Governance of Forced Labor in Global Supply Chains

- João Daniel Macedo Sá

Federal University of Pará/Brazil

From Decarbonization to Climate Coherence: Rethinking Environmental Licensing as an Instrument for Implementing International Climate Law and Human Rights

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SEPTEMBER 17

09:00 - 14:30

PANEL 3

09:00 - 10:30

Slavery in Philosophy, History, and Law

- Annika von Lüpke

University of Education Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe/Germany
- Teaching Slavery in Philosophy Classes

- Bruno Rodrigues de Lima

Max-Planck-Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt/Germany
- Slavery de jure, Slavery de facto: Regimes of Normativity in the Amazon, 1850-1950

Moderation: N.N.

PANEL 4

11:00 - 13:00

Different Domains, Different Forms - Slavery?

- Samira Fifowski

University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen/Germany

Sex Work or Sexual Exploitation? On the Problematic Distinction between Consent and Coercion

- Raul da Silva Ventura Neto

Federal University of Pará, Belém/Brazil

Forms of Contemporary Slavery Among Construction Workers in the Metropolitan Regions of the Legal Amazon

- Benjamin Etzold

Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies, Bonn/Germany

Forced Recruitment Into Non-State Armed Groups: Can Fighting Secure Livelihoods or is it a Modern Form of Slavery?

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CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

13:15 - 14:30

Future Research Agenda and Cooperation

- Richmond Kwesi

University of Ghana, Legon/Ghana

- Saulo de Matos

Federal University of Pará, Belém/Brazil

- Andreas Niederberger

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