

Rethinking Labour: Gender, Informality and Politics
Day 1: 8th January, 2024 (Venue: Gurudutt Hall, Azim Premji University)

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Coffee/Tea & Registration	
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome Address	
9:15 - 9:45 AM	Setting the context Samita Sen (University of Cambridge)	
9:45 -11:15 AM	Session 1: Gender and Labour in Historical Perspective Chair: Amit Kumar (Azim Premji University) Discussant: Karuna D W (Azim Premji University)	
	Robert Rahman (University of Gottingen)	<i>Feminising Labour Protests: Women Workers' Militancy and Collective Actions in late Colonial Bombay (1920-1940)</i>
	Humaira Chowdhury (King's College London)	<i>Immobility and Labour Informality in Tailor-Clusters: a case study of Calcutta's Muslim Darzis</i>
	Babasaheb Kambale (SPD College, Maharashtra)	<i>Khanaval Business in Mumbai: Caste, Gender and Untouchability</i>
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Session 2: Care, Gender and Informality Chair: Nilanjana Sengupta (Azim Premji University) Discussant: Meghana Rao (Azim Premji University)	
	Aishwarya GVN (MIDS, Chennai)	<i>Women's Work and Welfare: a Qualitative Study of how Women's Labor Mediates Welfare Provisioning in a State-run Subsidised Meal Scheme</i>
	Samprati (Max Weber Forum, Delhi)	<i>Practising Thrift and Provisioning Lives: Negotiating Class and Gender in the Informal City</i>
	Jhelum Roy (Jadavpur University, Kolkata)	<i>A World to Win: Reimagining Care through Politics of Friendship</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Session 3: Dynamics of Informality: Migration and Work Processes Chair: Amalendu Jyotishi (Azim Premji University) Discussant: Kade Finoff (Azim Premji University)	
	Supurna Banerjee (IDS, Kolkata)	<i>From Plantation to Cities: Women Workers and Informality in India</i>
	Smriti Rao (Assumption University, Worcester)	<i>The 'Reproductive Fix': Informality, Gendered Migration and Accumulation in India</i>
	Lars Aaberg (SOAS, London)	<i>Speculative Value during the Great Indian Pink Rush: Risky Subjects after the Decriminalisation of Sodomy</i>
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Coffee/Tea	
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Session 4: Caste, Ethnicity and Informality Chair: Rajesh Joseph (Azim Premji University) Discussant: Sunandan KN (Azim Premji University)	
	Anasma Gayari (JNU, New Delhi)	<i>Racialized, Sexualized, and Policed: Northeastern Migrant Women in Call Centres</i>
	Vijayamba (Azim Premji University)	<i>The Role of Caste and Gender in a Village Dairy Cooperative: A Case Study From Karnataka</i>
4:45 – 5:15 PM	Coffee/Tea	
5:15: – 6:15 PM	Keynote Lecture by Gita Sen: "Why do women work?" (Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health, Public Health Foundation of India) Chair: Janaki Nair (JNU (retd))	

Day 2: 9th January, 2024 (Venue: Gurudutt Hall,, Azim Premji University)

9:00 – 10:30 AM	<p>Session 5: Informality and Labour Politics Chair: Supriya RoyChowdhury (NIAS, Bengaluru) Discussant: Deepa E (Azim Premji University)</p>	
	Swathi Shivanand (Manipal Academy of Higher Education)	<i>The Operations of Intimate Patriarchies: Informalisation and Unionisation in the Garment Industry in Bengaluru</i>
	Bindu Menon Mannil (Azim Premji University)	<i>Beyond the Guild: Women Cinema Collective and Feminist Collectivizing in the New Creative Economy</i>
	Priyanka Dutta (Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata)	<i>Women Labourers and Trade Union Activism in the Tea Plantations of North Bengal: An Ethnographic Exploration</i>
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Coffee/Tea	
11:00 – 12:30 PM	<p>Session 6: Gendering Informality: New sites of Labour Chair: Amit Basole (Azim Premji University) Discussant: Rosa Abraham (Azim Premji University)</p>	
	Miriam Thangaraj Azim Premji University	<i>From Looms to Schools to Factory-Floors: How Schools make the “Jolly” Female SEZ-Worker in Kanchipuram</i>
	Geetisha Dasgupta (Azim Premji University)	<i>Informalizing Negotiation and Consent in ICT-Mediated Formal Sector Work: The Case of Women Working-from Home in Bengaluru</i>
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	

1:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>Session 7: Law, State and Informality Chair: Kamala Sankaran (NLSIU, Bengaluru) Discussant: Aardra Surendran (IIT Hyderabad)</p>	
	Saurabh Paul (Jadavpur University, Kolkata)	<i>State Controlled Informality: Development of Toto Sector in West Bengal</i>
	Madhusree Jana & Prabha Kotiswaran (King’s College, London)	<i>Unpacking India’s Reproductive Labor Laws: Assessing the Impact on Women’s Rights in the ART sector</i>
	Maya John (Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University)	<i>Rethinking Labour Regulation and Nature of Work post ILO Convention 189</i>
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Coffee/Tea	
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Wrap up discussion: Aditya Sarkar (University of Warwick)	
4:00 – 4:30 PM	High Tea	
4:30 – 5:30 PM	<p>Keynote Lecture: Neha Wadhwan (International Labour Organisation) Chair: Mary E John (Centre of Women’s Development Studies (retd))</p>	