



Sidney Chalhoub

Slavery and Freedom in the Nineteenth Century

Evening Lecture, November 26, 2015 – 6:15 - 8:00 pm

Departement of History, Seminar room 1, Hirschgässlein 21, 4051 Basel
Transversal Research Seminar of the Basel Graduate School of History,
in cooperation with the Chair of Modern History and the Chair of African History

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and **Martin Lengwiler, Julia Tischler**

Global Perspectives on Free and Unfree Labour in Capitalist Societies

Workshop, November 27, 2015 – 12:00 - 5:00 pm

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Organized by Martin Lengwiler and Julia Tischler

The history of capitalism has been experiencing a revival in the past few years, particularly with regard to the ambivalent notions of freedom in (emerging) capitalist societies. Several studies, written from a comparative or 'entangled' perspective, have put pressure on the earlier association between capitalism and free wage labour, showing how processes of commodification and the emergence of larger markets could also lead to a reinforcement of coercive labour regimes or even brought forth new ones.

We are delighted to have **Sidney Chalhoub** (Campinas, Brazil / Harvard) as a renowned expert to debate these topics. His research and writing focus on the social history of Brazil in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. His most recent book, „A força da escravidão: ilegalidade e costume no Brasil oitocentista (2012)“, is an analysis of illegal enslavement and the precariousness of freedom in nineteenth-century Brazil.

In his **lecture**, Prof. Chalhoub will draw comparisons between slavery in Brazil and the US, regarding the politics of dominance over slave workers, the slave trade (African and internal), access to manumission and the precariousness of freedom. Analysing contrasts and similarities between Brazil and the US, he will discuss the entanglement between the worlds of slavery and free labor in the nineteenth century.

The **workshop** seeks to explore the slippery boundary between free and unfree labour and its role for capitalist economies in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries – a question that has led to important, but yet insufficiently interconnected debates in different regional historiographies. Providing a framework to our discussion, Sidney Chalhoub, Martin Lengwiler (Basel) and Julia Tischler (Basel), will offer brief insights into the respective historiographies in South America, Europe, and Africa. Secondly, selected doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers will present their work.

To participate in the workshop, please register no later than October 30, 2015

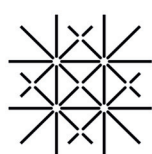
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