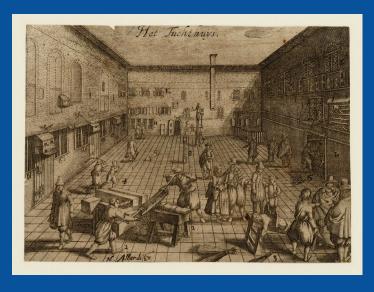
LABOUR THAT HEALS THE SOUL. THE MEANING OF THE PRISONERS' WORK IN THE PRISONS OF THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD

FELLOW WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF BONN OCTOBER 12-13, 2023



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hosts the Cluster of Excellence "Beyond Slavery and Freedom", which aims to overcome the binary opposition of "slavery versus freedom". We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

In the early modern period, forced labour went hand in hand with imprisonment and had an inherent punitive logic. In the context of the centralisation of absolutist power for the "state of common good", a complementary view of the work of imprisoned delinquents emerged: it had to be increasingly conveyed as a means of human improvement. Work became the antithesis of idleness, and in the penitentiaries of Europe the convicts not only had to be made to work for fiscal purposes, but the poor also had to be (re)educated to work. This new moral-theological conception of work developed into a transconfessional and transcultural phenomenon. The planned workshop brings together case studies from different cultural contexts: Austrian Lombardy, German lands, the Russian Empire, Denmark, the center part of the Habsburg Empire (Vienna), England, France, and it takes an outlook on the socialist discourses on work in the Soviet Union. It will ask about the genealogy of the discourse of labour and the possible transfers and retransfers of the concept of penal labour as a means of correction. How much humanism and how much rationalism underlay this change? The workshop is also intended as a contribution to a global history of confinement.

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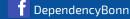
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Friday, October 13, 2023 Thursday, October 12, 2023 10:00 AM CEST: Introduction Panel III Katja Makhotina (BCDSS Fellow) 10:00 AM Panel I "New solutions to 'perennial' problems of labor discipline: The Crowley ironworks, England, c. 1700, reconsidered" 11:00 AM Preventing and punishing crime. Forced labour in Hillary Taylor Austrian Lombardy between Casa di Correzione and (University of Cambridge) Ergastolo Andrea Giuliani 11:00 AM – Coffee Break (University of Rome "Tor Vergata") 11:45 AM 11:30 AM Working Soviet? - What was actually Soviet about "Violence, Work, and Deportation: Intersecting fields of coercion in the Viennese Workhouse (18th century)" working in late socialism? Teresa Petrik Alexandra Oberländer (University of Vienna) (Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin) 12:30 PM – Lunch Break 12:30 PM Concluding remarks Panel II Katja Makhotina 1:30 PM Work as a Prescription against Idleness: The Discourses of A city walk (optional) the First Disciplinary Institutions of Early Modern Russia Katja Makhotina (BCDSS Fellow) 2:15 PM "Caught between poor relief and penal labour: Cases from the prison workhouse at Christianshavn, 1769-1800" **Emilie Luther Valentin** (University of Southern Denmark) 3:00 PM - Coffee Break

3:30 PM - Excursion to Cologne for the visit of the

former Gestapo-prison at the EL-DE Haus

(speakers and organizer only)

7 PM – Dinner