**Workshop: Self-employment in long-term and regional perspective: an interdisciplinary approach**

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Dear Madam, Sir,

We would like to invite you to our workshop **Self-employment in long-term and regional perspective: an interdisciplinary approach.** The aim of this workshop is to increase our knowledge and understanding of long-term trends and causes of self-employment. To do so, we have selected on the one-hand scholars who explicitly study determinants and consequences of self-employment, most often working with contemporary data. On the other hand we have invited scholars who are experts in the field of historical labour relations, i.e. studying patterns in with and for whom one works, over the past five centuries.

We have divided the workshop in 5 distinct sessions: mechanism of self-employment, shifts in and out of self-employment on the macro and micro level, self-employment and the life-course and social networks and self-employment. We would like to invite you to present your work focusing on the theme of the slot suggested in the programme (see below). In doing so, we would also like to ask you to present your work borrowing as much as you can from the terminology from the Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations (“Collab”) (see document attached). And if applicable, use the historical data on labour relations that we have freely available for your presentation. For those who are members of the “Collab” we would like to ask you in addition to go trough the list of papers on contemporary self-employment [dropbox link] and borrow as much as possible from the mechanisms on shifts in labour relations mentioned there.

Should you decide to partake in this workshop, we will be able to reimburse your lodging cost whilst over here, as well as in the daily catering (see the programme). If possible, we do would like to ask if you are able to pay for travel expenses yourself.

We hope we may welcome you all and we are looking forward to see you January 27th, 2016!

Best wishes,

Richard Zijdeman

Rombert Stapel

Karin Hofmeester

Location: International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Dates: Jan 27-29, 2016

12.30-14.00 Welcoming lunch

14.00-14.15 Introduction to the workshop

**Session 1: Mechanisms of shifts in and out of self-employment**

14.15-15.00 Blanchflower

15.00-15.45 Hofmeester / Lucassen

16.00-16.45 Bögenhold & Staber

16.45-17.30 Moore / Mueller

- backup: Clark / Drinkwater

18.00 - drinks + dinner

**Session 2: Macro: shifts in labour relations**

09.15-09.30 coffee

09.30-10.15 Caracausi / Mohapatra / Goodhue

10.15-11.00 Dawson

11.45-13.00 Fritsch / Wyrwich

13.00-14.00 lunch

**Session 3: Micro: shifts in labour relations**

14.00-14.45 Kessler

14.45-15.30 Ajayi-Obe / Parker

15.30-16.00 coffee

**Session 4: Self-employed as a life-course strategy**

16.00-17.15 Carroll & Mosakowski

17.15-18.00 Zijdeman / Stapel?

19.00 conference dinner

**Session 5: Social structures of self-employment**

09.15-09.30 coffee

09.30-10.15 – Junfu Zhang (USA) juzhang@clarku.edu

10.15-11.00 – Jan Lucassen – Lipper data

11.45-13.00 – W. David Allen (USA, Huntsvill)

- backup: Nordman / Pasquer-Doumer

13.00-14.00 lunch and good bye