



International Conference - Theoretical Inquiries in Law (23.2)

Bilateral Labor Agreements

June 6-8, 2021
Tel Aviv University,
Faculty of Law

Virtual Format, Via Zoom

The conference aims to create a space for an interdisciplinary and international conversation between scholars on bilateral labor agreements, the motivations behind them, their implications for migration governance, the rights of workers and their unique character as international law documents. Papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of the Journal Theoretical Inquiries in Law (TIL).

Conference Schedule
(times noted according to the time in Tel Aviv, GMT +3)

[Registration >>](#)

Sunday, June 6, 2021

17:00-17:10

Greetings

Setting the Stage

17:10-17:50

The Design of BLAs

Adam Chilton, University of Chicago Law School;
Bartek Woda, University of Chicago Law School

Discussant: **Avinoam Cohen**, College of Management and TraffLab

17:50-18:30

Bilateral Labour Agreements: Who Are They Good For? What are They Good For?

Yuval Livnat, TraffLab, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law;
Hila Shamir, TraffLab, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law

Discussant: **Nicola Piper**, Queen Mary University of London School of Law

18:30-18:50

Coffee break

Liminal Spaces

18:50-19:30

Bilateral Labor Agreements' Bans on Domestic Work in Nepal: Spaces of Entrapment and Exclusion and Their Intimate Consequences

Ayushman Bhagat, TraffLab, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law

Discussant: **Rebeca Raijman**, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa

19:30-20:10

In the Zone: Work at the Intersection of Trade and Migration

Jennifer Gordon, Fordham University School of Law

Discussant: **Hila Shamir**, TraffLab, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law

20:10-21:00

Toast & Virtual get together ("show and tell")

Monday, June 7, 2021

Appraising Bilateralism

16:00-16:40

Advancing Migrant Workers' Social Protection: A Critical Evaluation of Bilateralism

Marius Olivier, University of Western Australia Law School

Discussant: **Rebekah Smith**, Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP) & Center for Global Development

16:40-17:20

Labor Migration in France's Bilateral Agreements on the Management of Migration and Development

Marion Panizzon, World Trade Institute

Discussant: **Tamar Megiddo**, College of Law and Business and TraffLab

17:20-17:50

Virtual get together (via "Wonder")

17:50-18:10

Coffee Break

Categorizing Rights

18:10-18:50

Global Interstate Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements (BLMA) as Migration Governance Tools: An Analysis from a Gender Lens

Nicola Piper, Queen Mary University of London School of Law;

Jenna Hennebry, Wilfrid Laurier University

Discussant: **Yahel Kurlander**, TraffLab and Tel Hai Academic College

18:50-19:30

Delivering on the Promise of BLAs: the Need for a Quality Mobility Industry

Rebekah Smith, Mobility Partnerships (LaMP) & Center for Global Development

Zuzana Cepla, Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP)

Discussant: **Jennifer Gordon**, Fordham University School of Law

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Migration Governance and Migrant Vulnerabilities

17:00-17:40

Understanding the Gaps Between the Bilateral Regularizing of Migration and Workers' Rights: The Case of Agricultural Migrant Workers in Thailand

Sudarat Musikawong, Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University

Discussant: **Marius Olivier**, University of Western Australia Law School

17:40-18:20

Bilateral Agreements, Precarious Work and the Vulnerability of Migrant Workers in Israel

Rebeca Raijman, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa;
Nonna Kushnirovich, Dept. of Economics and Management, Ruppin Academic Center

Discussant: **Jenna Hennebry**, Wilfrid Laurier University

18:20-18:35

Coffee Break

Scales of Governance

18:35-19:15

BLAs as Sites of Organizational Institutionalization

Yahel Kurlander, TraffLab and Tel Hai Academic college;

Avinoam Cohen, College of Management and TraffLab

Discussant: **Marion Panizzon**, World Trade Institute

19:15-19:30

Coffee Break

Secrecy and Informality

19:30-20:10

Secrecy & Non-Bindingness

Tamar Megiddo, College of Law and Business and TraffLab

Discussant: **Adam Chilton**, University of Chicago Law School

20:10-20:50

Informalization, Obfuscation and Bilateral Labor Agreements

Margaret Peters, Dept. of Political Science, UCLA ;
Tijana Lujic, Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University

Discussant: **Janie Chuang**, American University, Washington College of Law

20:50-21:10

Conclusion and Final Remarks

TraffLab
Labor Perspective to Human Trafficking

Organizing Committee:

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