



Bilateral Labor Agreements

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

Virtual Format, Via Zoom

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