Mobile Lives: 
Itinerant and Street Trades and the Informal Economy in Global Historical Perspective

June 13-15th 2024
Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento
Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Thursday 13th June
14.00-16.00
Introduction (Rosa Salzberg, Umberto Cecchinato, Massimo Rospocher)

1st session
Chair = Massimo Rospocher

Danielle Van den Heuvel and Marie Yasunaga (University of Amsterdam)
Selling in the Streets of the Global City: The Depiction of Street Vending in Early Modern Amsterdam and Edo

Oscar Cox Jensen (Newcastle University) – via zoom
Zoo-mobility on the London Street

Marjolein Schepers (KU Leuven)
Opacity in Intimate Itinerancy: Spaces and Trajectories of Sex Workers in 19th-Century Antwerp

Coffee break

16.30-17.30 Keynote Lecture
Alison Brown (Cardiff University)
Ordinary Practices – Extraordinary Lives
Chair = Paolo Boccagni (University of Trento)

Conference Dinner (for speakers and chairs): place and time the
Friday 14th June
9.00-10.30 2nd session
Chair = Sandra Toffolo (ISIG, Trento)

Alessia Meneghin (University of Siena)
‘Quod nullus ducat emptorem vel venditorem extra artem’ Rigattieri, Peripatetic Business Practices and Informal Economy in Fifteenth-Century Florence

Achille Marotta (University of Bologna)
Enslaved and Manumitted Street Traders in Early Modern Genoa

Anne Montenach (University of Aix-Marseille)
Gender, Mobility and Illicit Economies in Early Modern France (late 17th-18th centuries)

Coffee break

11.00-12.30 3rd session
Chair = Ester Gallo (University of Trento)

Léa Leboissetier (ENS Lyons)
‘All Come and Depart in Turn, Leaving Us to Wonder If It Really Paid Them to Come:’ Understanding the Popularity of Peddling as a Migrant Occupation in Britain (1870-1940s)

Sigrid Wadauer (University of Vienna)
Peddling With/Without a License (Austria 1920s and 1930s)

Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali)
On Motion and Obstruction: Footpath Hawking in Calcutta and the Post-colonial Condition

Lunch buffet

14.00-16.00 4th session
Chair = Rosa Salzberg

Melissa Calaresu (University of Cambridge)
Spaces of Food Production and Consumption in the Early Modern City

Charlie Taverner (Trinity College Dublin) – via zoom
Great Friends of the Poor: How Hawkers Fed London, c. 1600–1900
Keynote Lecture
Hasia Diner (Columbia University) - via zoom
*The American World of Immigrant Street Foods*

Coffee break

16.30-18.00 Fifth session
Chair = Umberto Cecchinato
Thibaut Maus de Rolley (University College London)
*English Rope Dancers in Seventeenth-century Paris: The Case of the Peadle family*
Ilaria Serra (Florida Atlantic University)
*On Men and Bears: The Orsanti from Compiano*
Evrim Hikmet Ögüt (Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul)
*Music and the Politics of Public Spaces: The Case of Syrian Street Music in Istanbul*

Saturday 15th June
Visit to the Museo per Via, Pieve Tesino (depart from Trento 9am, return circa 3pm)