Mobile Lives
Itinerant and Street Trades and the Informal Economy in Global Historical Perspective
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Selling goods, services, and experiences on the streets of cities or from town to town has been a common activity for migrants in many parts of the world throughout history, as it still is today. The mobility and social marginality of many itinerant and street vendors, however, has meant that they have often been neglected by historians, when in fact they should be considered as central to the economic, social, and cultural history of many cities and regions. This conference investigates the nexus between peddling and informal street trading and a series of interconnected issues (migration, the uses of urban space, the informal economy, urban mobility, cross-cultural encounters) across the longue durée and in a global perspective. It aims to consider questions including the connections between itinerant trades and migration; how the phenomenon of itinerant selling has changed across the centuries and differed between different regions; how this largely informal economy interacted with the licit economy; what kinds of spaces street and itinerant traders have occupied in and between cities; how they have been regulated by local or national authorities; and how we can study these trades in the past given the limits of documentary and visual sources.

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