



ChainGE Lab (ERC) @SASE 2026

MCO9: Workers' Rights and Power in Supply Chain Capitalism, at the SASE ChainGE Lab (ERC) mini-conference

At the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) 2026 Conference in Bordeaux, France

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We are excited to present the [ChainGE Lab \(ERC\)](https://chaingelab.org) mini-conference at the 2026 SASE Conference in Bordeaux. Bringing together scholars from around the world, the mini-conference explores how workers' rights and labour governance are being reshaped in an era of post-globalisation. Across five in-person panels and two virtual sessions, participants examine changing forms of regulation, accountability, worker power, migration, gender, and labour exploitation in global value chains.

The full ChainGE Lab @SASE 2026 program is below.

*All times are Paris (CEST).

**Location: Virtual sessions will take place on Zoom; for links see the [SASE program](#). In-person panels will take place in A.136, Sciences Po Bordeaux.

For more about ChainGE Lab: chaingelab.org

For more about the SASE Conference:
<https://sase.org/events/2026-bordeaux/>



Monday June 22, 2026

Virtual Events

13:00-14:30 (CEST)

Precarious Labour and the Limits of Governance in Global Value Chains

Chair: Hila Shamir, PI ChainGE Lab, Tel Aviv University

Presenters

Guy Mundlak, Tel Aviv University

Does Law Make a Difference? What Do We Know about the Contribution of Legal Norms and Institutions to the Improvement of GVC Governance?

Bashman Mohammed, University of Aberdeen and ChainGE Lab

Hanging in the Balance: Migrant Workers as Frontline Casualties of Post-Globalization Era

Fernanda Brandão Cançado & Livia Mendes Moreira Miraglia, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and ChainGE Lab

Governing Global Value Chains from the South: Brazil's "Dirty List" and the Fight against Contemporary Slavery

Nani Baral, Central Department of Rural Development, Tribhuvan University and ChainGE Lab

Rethinking GVC Labour Governance: Recruitment Practices Across Hiring Structures in the Nepal-Malaysia Corridor

15:00-16:30 (CEST)

Book Salon: How Walmart is Made in China: Following Labor at the End of the Global Commodity Circuit in China by Eileen Otis (forthcoming April 2026)

Presenter: Eileen Otis, Northeastern University

Discussants: Steven Vallas, Northeastern University; Joya Misra, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

In-person Panels

Location of all in-person panels: A.136, Sciences Po Bordeaux

8:30-10:00 (CEST)

Re-Thinking Power, Law, and Accumulation under Supply Chain Capitalism

Chair: Trang T.K Tran, Deakin University and ChainGE Lab

Presenters

Hila Shamir, PI ChainGE Lab and Tel Aviv University

Reforging the Chain: Labour Power and Law in Supply Chain Capitalism

Shelley Marshall, RMIT University

Regulating Labour in the Age of Transition: From Supply Chain Capitalism to Platform and Digital Capitalism

Emilia Millón, ISES-CONICET/UNT and ChainGE Lab

The Accumulation Model in Northwestern Argentina from a Decolonial and Feminist Perspective

Yaniv Ron-El, Tel Aviv University and ChainGE Lab

Rethinking Labor Governance: A New Analytical Outlook on Power Resources and Relations in Global Supply Chains

Shikha Silliman Bhattacharjee, ChainGE Lab

The Algorithmic Hinge: Monopsony Capitalism, Data Workers and the Regulatory Plateau

10:30-12:00 (CEST)

Enforcement, Grievance, and Accountability in Global Value Chains

Chair: Minju Kang, Harvard University and ChainGE Lab

Presenters

Rachel Alexander, Copenhagen Business School, University of Johannesburg and ChainGE Lab

Realizing Compliance with Public Labour Regulations in Global Value Chains: Exploring Co-Enforcement Processes in Vietnamese Textile Recycling and South African Garment Production

Trang T.K. Tran, Deakin University and ChainGE Lab

Workers' Digital Pathways to Remedy in Garment Global Value Chains: Social Media and Grievance Apps in Vietnam

Scott Hurrell, University of Glasgow,

"Without a Fair Price, We Cannot Ensure Compliance": Moral Disengagement, Multi-Scalar Governance and Occupational Health and Safety in Bangladesh Garment Factories

Carla Spinelli, University Aldo Moro and ChainGE Lab

Strategic Litigation as a Method to Improve Due Diligence Regulation

Wednesday, July 1, 2026: In-person panels, cont'd

14:15-15:45 (CEST)

Law, Regulation, and the 'Governance' of Exploitation in Global Value Chains

Chair: Yaniv Ron-El, Tel Aviv University and ChainGE Lab

Presenters

Giovana Paula Ramos Silveira Leite, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and ChainGE Lab

Coffee Beyond Borders, but Law Beyond Borders? A Critical Study of the Brazilian Coffee Sector through the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG)

Fernanda de Mendonça Melo, UFMG and ChainGE Lab & Minju Kang, Harvard University and ChainGE Lab

Between "Clean" Steel and Slavery: Brazil's Iron Ore Exports to South Korea and Slave Labor in the Charcoal Sector

Avinoam Cohen, College of Management and ChainGE Lab & Yahel Kurlander, Tel Hai University of Kiryat Shmona and ChainGE Lab

Agricultural Production between Precarious Labor and Employer Vulnerability: Comparing Dairy Production and Horticulture in Israel

Victoria Skeie, University of Oslo and ChainGE Lab

Forced Labour: More than a Concept?

Samantha Velluti, University of Sussex, Katrina Peake, The Open University and ChainGE Lab & Sophia Carodenuto, University of Victoria

Labouring for decent work in coffee and cocoa global value chains: promises and pitfalls of EU, Canadian, and UK corporate due diligence and forced labour regimes

16:00-17:30 (CEST)

Sites of Power: Law, Logistics, and Transnational Alliances

Chair: Shikha Silliman Bhattacharjee, ChainGE Lab

Presenters

Abe Walker, Fayetteville State University and ChainGE Lab

Logistics, Counter-Logistics, and Strategy: Lessons from the Swedish Tesla Strike

Lilli Hasche, University of Bremen and ChainGE Lab

Privity of Contract and (Re)Internalisation through Organizing along the Value Chain

Sumati Thusoo, Rutgers University

Framing Transnational Solidarity: Strategic Organizing in the Justice for Jeyasre Campaign

Ema Moolchand, RMIT University and ChainGE Lab

Building on Consumer Power for Contesting Workers' Exploitation: A Typology of Strategies

Abhinav Surya Lalitha Thiyagarajan, University of Geneva and Centre for Development Studies

Global Value Chains, Technology and Labour Process in Small Units during the Neoliberal Era: A Case Study of Chennai's Automobile Components Cluster

17:45-19:15 (CEST)

Identity, Inequality, and Political Economy in Supply Chain Struggles

Chair: Ema Moolchand, RMIT University and ChainGE Lab

Presenters

Pauline Jerrentrup, London School of Economics and ChainGE Lab

Institutionalizing Gender Justice: Lessons from Two Enforceable Brand Agreements to Address Gender-Based Violence

Meital Peleg Mizrachi, Yale University and ChainGE Lab

Beyond the Point of Sale: Power, Law, and Waste Colonialism in Ghana's Used Clothing Trade

Mary Jocelyn de la Cruz, Central European University

Strategic Bifurcation: Wage Claims and Labor Acquiescence in Garment-Exporting Autocracies

Eileen Otis, Northeastern University

Uninformed Consent: Global Retail and the Mobilization of Authoritarian Legalism in China