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# Health and Work in the Early Modern World, 1500-1750 ca.



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**20-21 September 2022,**  
Aula Baratto, Ca' Foscari and online

## Tuesday September 20

9.15 - 9.30 am

### Welcome and Introduction

9.30 - 11.00 am

### Health and Workers in Elite Households

Chair: **tbc**

**Stanis Perez**, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord, *Working and Ruling in a Permanent Disease Context: the Versailles Paradox (17th-18th c.)*

**Emma Marshall**, University of York, *Servants have not bodies of brasse': Domestic Service, Sickness and Healthcare in the English Gentry Home, c. 1650-1750*

11.00 - 11.30 am

### Break

11.30 - 1.00 pm

### (Un)Fit to Work in the Early Modern Period

Chair: **Giulia Zanon**

**Julia Nurse**, Wellcome Collection, *Unfit to Work: Lived Experience of Disability in the Context of Working in Early Modern Britain*

**Marie-Louise Leonard**, Ca' Foscari, *Negotiating Infirmary in the Early Modern Workplace*

1.00 - 2.30 pm

### Lunch Break

2.30 - 4.00 pm

### Epidemics and the Urban Working Environment

Chair: **tbc**

**Claire Turner**, University of Leeds, *Crossing Thresholds and Breaking Boundaries: Plague Workers, Smells, and Domestic Homes in Seventeenth-Century London* (online)

**Rachel Clamp**, Durham University, *Plague Industries in Early Modern English and Scottish Towns*

4.00 - 4.30 pm

### Break

4.30 - 6.00 pm

Keynote, **Paola Bertucci**, Yale University, *Medicine for the State: Bernardino Ramazzini and the Diseases of Workers* (online)

## Wednesday September 21

10.00 - 11.30 am

### Sailors and Singers: Health and Working Communities

Chair: **David McOmish**

**Benedetta Chizzolini**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, *Hygienic and Sanitary Issues on Early Modern Papal Galleys, 16th-17th centuries*

**Ilaria Contesotto**, University of Bologna, *Lucidora Maselli, a singer «incapace della tortura»: opera singers and occupational health in 17th century Venice*

11.30 - 12.00 pm

### Break

12.00 - 1.30 pm

### Work and the Lifecycle

Chair: **Marie-Louise Leonard**

**Ludwig Pelzl'**, EUI, *Work, Aging and Retirement in Early Modern Germany, c. 1600-1800*

**Jaco Zuijderduijn**, Lund University, *Old age, Health, and Labour in the Early Modern World* (online)

1.30 - 3.00 pm

### Lunch Break

3.00 - 4.30 pm

### Medicine, Poverty and Labour

Chair: **Rachel Champ**

**Jan Becker**, EUI, *Treating the Poor: French Vernacular Medicine in 17th-Century Cochinchina*

**Liana DeMarco**, Yale University, *The Wealth of Nations is Healthy Populations: Medicine, Labour, and Theories of Economic Growth in the Eighteenth Century* (online)

4.30 - 4.45 pm

### Break

4.45 - 5.30 pm

### Concluding Discussion and Paths Forward