

# SEMINAR RETHINKING THE FREE TIME/WORK TIME DIVIDE

FROM OCTOBER 6 TO  
DECEMBER 10, 2021  
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**SESSION 1 - OCTOBER 6, 2021**

**RETHINKING THE FREE TIME/WORK TIME DIVIDE - 5-7PM (CEST)**

**Robert A. STEBBINS** (Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Calgary, Canada),  
"The Ragged Boundaries of Work and Leisure"

**Discussant : Jean-Yves BOULIN** (Université Paris Dauphine)  
**Chair : Sonia BIROCHEAU / Fabienne MOINE**

**SESSION 2 - OCTOBER 15, 2021**

**REGULATING WORK HOURS - 2-4PM (CEST)**

**Ophélie SIMÉON** (Maîtresse de conférences en civilisation britannique,  
Université Sorbonne-Nouvelle, France), "A time for everything? Managing labour  
and leisure time in early British factories (1770s-1825)"

**Justine COUSIN** (Docteure, Professeure de lycée, France),  
« La difficile régulation des horaires de travail des marins indiens (1900-1947) »  
**Discussant : Yann BELIARD** (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle)  
**Chair : Yannick DESCHAMPS**

**SESSION 3 - OCTOBER 22, 2021 - YOUNG SCHOLARS**

**WHEN LEISURE ACTIVITIES BECOME WORK - 1:30-3PM (CEST)**

**Micah RAJUNOV** (Ph.D., Boston University, United States), "Working for Fun.  
The Careers of Competitive Video Gamers"

**Heena SINGHAL** (M.Phil, University of Hyderabad, India),  
« Understanding Leisure and Labour of Women during Festivals »  
**Discussant : Aurélie GODET** (Université de Nantes)  
**Chair : Antoine SERVEL**

**SCHOLARLY VIEWS ON THE FREE TIME/WORK TIME DIVIDE - 3:30-5PM (CEST)**

**Eléana SANCHEZ** (Doctorante, Professeure agrégée,  
Université Bourgogne-Franche Comté, France), « Le temps libre à l'aune du Centre for  
Contemporary Cultural Studies : et si les études culturelles étaient celles du temps libre ? »  
**Liais BEN YOUSSEF** (Doctorant, Université Paris-Est Créteil, France),  
« La question du temps libre et du temps du travail chez les Africains-Américains des centres  
urbains américains dans les années 1980. Perspectives croisées  
de Manning Marable et William Julius Wilson »  
**Discussant : Olivier ESTEVES** (Université de Lille)  
**Chair : Karine CHAMBEFORT**

**SESSION 4 - NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

**WORKERS ON THE MOVE - 1:30-3PM (CET)**

**Yao-Tai LI** (Lecturer, University of New South Wales, Australia), "Cultural exchange  
or serving time? Asymmetrical understandings of the value of time between Working  
Holiday Makers and the Australian government"

**David FRATI** (Doctorant, Université Paris-Nanterre, France), « Les réfractaires du désert  
d'Arizona : quitter le travail ou quitter le « 9-to-5 » ? »

**Discussant : Donna KESSELMAN** (Université Paris-Est Créteil)  
**Chair : Corinne NATIVEL**

**SESSION 5 - DECEMBER 3, 2021**

**WORKING WOMEN'S TIME - 4-6PM (CET)**

**Emma GRIFFIN** (Professor of British History, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom),  
"Time, work-discipline, and women: How do we fit women into the history of time"  
**Christine OGREN** (Professor in the Educational Policy and Leadership Studies Depart-  
ment, University of Iowa, United States), "Summers Off—and On: How U.S. Schooltea-  
chers' Summer Pursuits Blurred the Boundaries between Free Time and Work Time in  
the 1880s-1930s"

**Discussant : Rebecca ROGERS** (Université de Paris)  
**Chair : Sonia BIROCHEAU**

**SESSION 6 - DECEMBER 10, 2021**

**BALANCING WORK AND FREE TIME: EXPERIMENTS IN BRITISH PSYCHIATRY - 2-4PM (CET)**

**Laurence DUBOIS** (Maîtresse de conférences en civilisation britannique, Université  
Paris Nanterre, France), "Thinking very highly of the benefit of many of the occupations  
to the patients, I am inclined to think that some time might be spared for them": the  
delicate balance between work time and free time in the therapeutic system at Hanwell  
Asylum (1831-1870)"

**Grace WHORRALL-CAMPBELL** (Ph.D. Student, University of Cambridge,  
United Kingdom), "A Rest from Industry": Labour and Leisure at Roffey  
Park Rehabilitation Centre, 1943-50"  
**Discussant : Elodie EDWARDS-GROSSI** (Université Paris Dauphine)  
**Chair : Sabine REUNGOAT**

This series of conferences proposes **to examine the connection between work time and free time in the English-speaking world over the centuries.**

It aims to study the ways in which these two temporalities have changed and hybridized each other, generating tensions or new forms of balance or complementarity. It hopes to contribute to current debates among French and international researchers on **personal and collective time.**

Rethinking the free time/work time divide seems particularly relevant as the definition of work and the boundaries between work and leisure are being challenged by digital developments and family or demographic evolutions ; as changing work standards, in European countries in particular, have triggered political and social tensions; as the pursuit of individual well-being has become a societal concern; and as the value of free time poses new issues.

**The presenters of the thirteen conferences**, who come from different disciplines (history, sociology, economy, cultural studies), **will explore the following themes** : work regulation, mobility at work, organization of work and leisure activities, voluntary work, tourism, time-based work standards, relations between gender and work organization.

