



Osnabrücker Geographisches Kolloquium

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Das Institut für Geographie lädt ein zur Kolloquiumsreihe:

„Inklusion und Exklusion in globalen Produktionsnetzwerken“

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DR. GALE RAJ-REICHERT (MANCHESTER):

Labour violations in the electronics industry in Malaysia: governance gaps in global production networks

Malaysia is a key production location in the electronics industry global production network. Since the 1970s the electronics industry has been a significant contributor to the country's economy. While it is a significant employer in the country, foreign workers dominate the workforce. Recently, the electronics industry in Malaysia was put in the spotlight when an investigative report by the international non-governmental organization Verite, which was commissioned and financed by the United States Department of Labor, found a high incidence of forced labor amongst foreign workers. Violations of labour conditions in production countries like Malaysia are an outcome of governance gaps in global production networks. Building on research since 2008, this lecture discusses how governance gaps arise out of deficiencies in private, public, and public-private governance measures at both the local and global scales. A mapping of the various actors (firms, civil society, international organizations, and states) in the global production network and their power relationships show the challenges and (potential) opportunities for labour governance in the electronics industry.

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