

## International Conference

### Confronting Decline (CONDE) – Challenges of Deindustrialization in European Societies since the 1970s

**Organization:** Stefan Krebs, C<sup>2</sup>DH / University of Luxembourg; Christian Marx and Martina Steber, Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History, Munich

**Venue:** University of Luxembourg, MSH building, Black Box, Esch-Belval

**Date:** 25–27 June 2025

#### ***Wednesday, 25 June***

13.30-14.00    Arrival of participants (coffee and tea)

#### 14.00-14.10    **Welcome**

Andreas Fickers (Luxembourg)

Andreas Wirsching (Munich)

#### 14.10-14.30    **Introduction**

Stefan Krebs (Luxembourg), Christian Marx (Munich) and Martina Steber (Munich)

#### 14.30-16.00    **Panel 1: Industrial Production in Deindustrializing Economies**

Chair: Christian Kleinschmidt (Marburg)

Christian Marx (Munich): Diverging Paths after the Boom: Deindustrialization in the German Household Appliance Industry (1960–2000s)

Anna Calori (Glasgow): The Steady Stream? De-industrialization and Re-industrialization in the Petro-Chemical Industry in Yugoslavia and Italy

Nicolas Arendt (Luxembourg): ARBED's Takeover of the former VEB Maxhütte Unterwellenborn 1992-2001: The "last remaining island of socialism"?

16.00-16.30    **Coffee and Tea**

16.30-18.00 **Panel 2: Deindustrialization and the Environment**

Chair: Sabine Pitteloud (Brig)

Mauro Elli (Milan): Nuclear Deindustrialization? Italy's Experience in the Long Decommissioning (1970s–1990s)

Riyoko Shibe (Glasgow): Deindustrialization of the Scottish Petrochemical Industry and the Experience of Noxiousness: BP Chemicals in Grangemouth from 1970 to 2000

Philipp Kröger (Siegen): From Fordist to Post-Fordist Nature? Landscape Planning and the Management of Urban Nature in Hamburg, 1960s–1980s

18.00-19.00 **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Martina Steber (Munich)

Dietmar Süß (Augsburg): „Barbarisation of Social Conflict“? Work, Recognition, and Vulnerability in the History of Deindustrialization

19.30 **Conference Dinner**

**Thursday, 26 June**

08.45-09.45 **Kick-off Lecture**

Stefan Berger (Bochum): Deindustrialization in a Global Perspective

09.45-10.45 **Panel 3: Spaces of Deindustrialization**

Chair: Emmanuel Droit (Strasbourg)

Pascal Raggi (Nancy): The Deindustrialization of the Lorraine du fer and Luxembourg from a Comparative Perspective

Jan Kellershohn (Halle): Contested Spaces of Decline: Deindustrialization in the Ruhr and in the Central German Industrial Region

10.45-11.15 **Coffee and Tea**

11.15-12.15 **Panel 4: The International Politics of Deindustrialization**

Chair: Benoît Majerus (Luxembourg)

Maria Adamopoulou (Bucharest): 'Ceilings of Tolerance': Deindustrialization and Labour Migration in the EEC in the 1970s

Mathieu Dubois (Rennes): European Trade Act or open Single Market? Devising a European Response to Deindustrialization in the early 1980s

12.15-13.15 **Lunch**

13.15-15.00 **Visit of blast furnace A on the campus of the University of Luxembourg**

15.00-16.30 **Panel 5: Deindustrialization and Gender Orders**

Chair: Jackie Clarke (Glasgow)

Helena Schwinghammer (Munich): A Silent Farewell: The Deindustrialization of a German Textile Region (1970-2008)

Stefan Hördler (Göttingen): The Intertwined History of Male Unemployment and Women's Initiatives: Scenarios of Decline and Socio-Economic Consequences in the Steel Industry since the 1980s

Nora Küttel (Bremen): Shifting Tides: Gendered Impacts of Deindustrialization of East German Shipbuilding

16.30-17.00 **Coffee and Tea**

17.00-18.30 **Memories of Deindustrialization: Film Screening and Round Table Discussion**

Film Screening: "Identity Disputes. The Image of Life in the Minett", Boretska/Schönfelder 2022

Round Table Discussion with Denis Scuto (Luxembourg), Jörg Arnold (Munich) and Joanna Wawrzyniak (Warsaw)

18.30 **Reception (food and drinks)**

**Friday, 27 June**

**08.30-09.30 Panel 6: Deindustrialization and the European Welfare State**

Chair: Christoph Brüll (Luxembourg)

Jonas Fey (Bonn): Deindustrialization and Adult Education in Germany since the 1970s: Politics, Participation and Effects

Zoé Konsbruck (Luxembourg): Steel Towns and Crisis Management: The Dynamics between Industrial Towns and the 'Luxembourg Model' during the 1975-1985 Steel Crisis

**09.30-10.00 Coffee and Tea**

**10.00-11.30 Panel 7: Migration and Race in Deindustrializing Societies**

Chair: Machteld Venken (Luxembourg)

Christopher Lawson (Berkeley): No Going Back: Deindustrialization, Decolonisation, and the Remaking of Urban Communities in Western Europe

Paroma Ghose (Munich): "Quand la justice slalome": Sounding Deindustrialization through French Rap Narratives (1981-Present)

Herrick Chapman (New York) & Lizabeth Cohen (Cambridge/MA): Surviving Deindustrialization as Ethnic and Racial Minorities

**11.30-12.00 Concluding Remarks**

Chair: Stefan Krebs (Luxembourg) and Christian Marx (Munich)

Guests are invited to attend the conference at their own expense; they should register in advance with Tessy Delledera ([tessy.delledera@uni.lu](mailto:tessy.delledera@uni.lu)).