



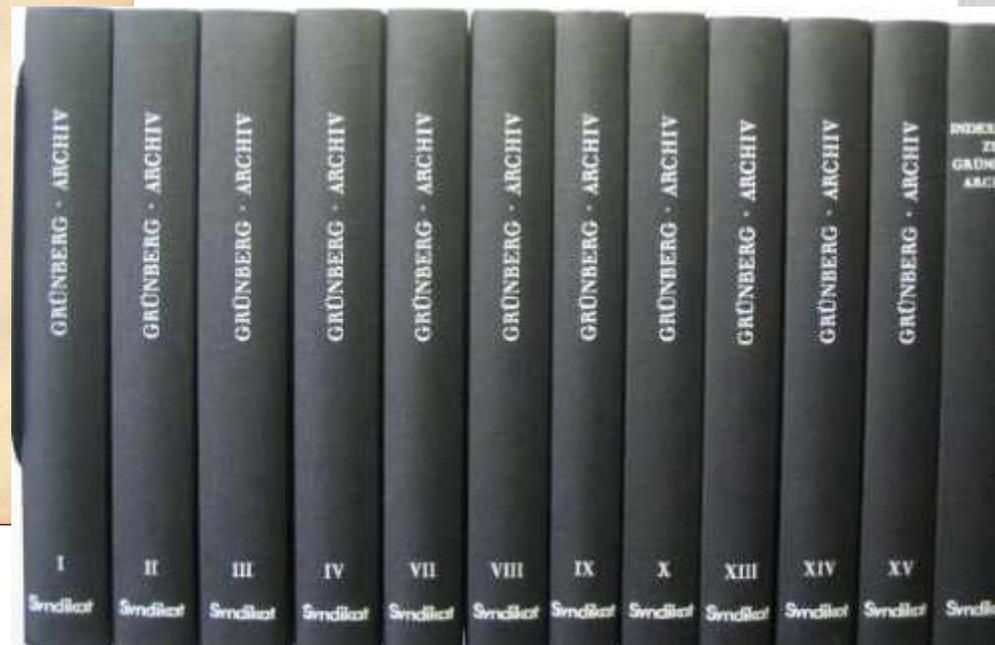
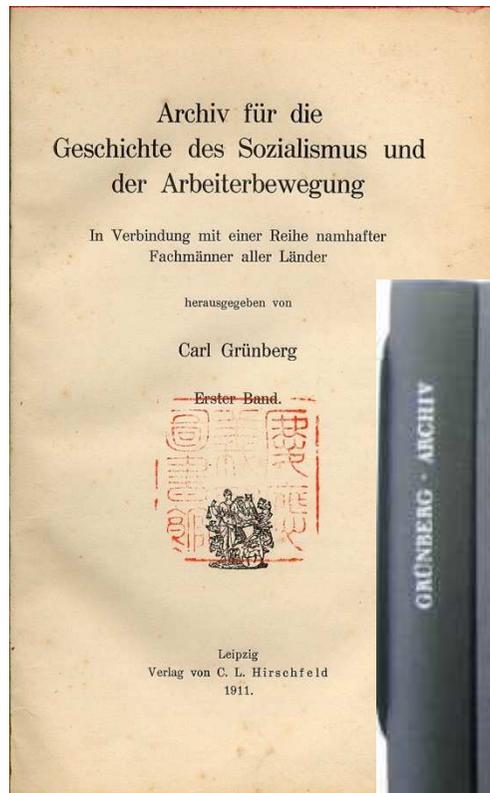
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Integrating Work and Workers into Global History: The ITH at Fifty

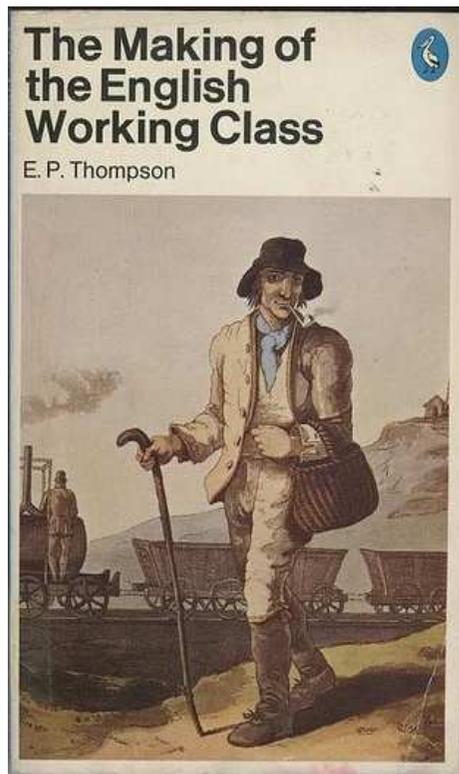
Marcel van der Linden



Grünbergs Archiv (1911-1930)



E.P. Thompson, *The Making of the English Working Class* (1963)



Asa Briggs, 1960

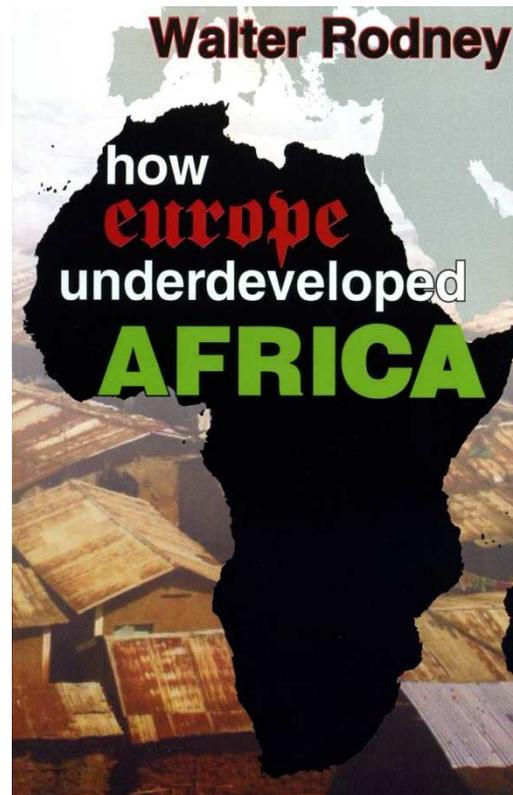
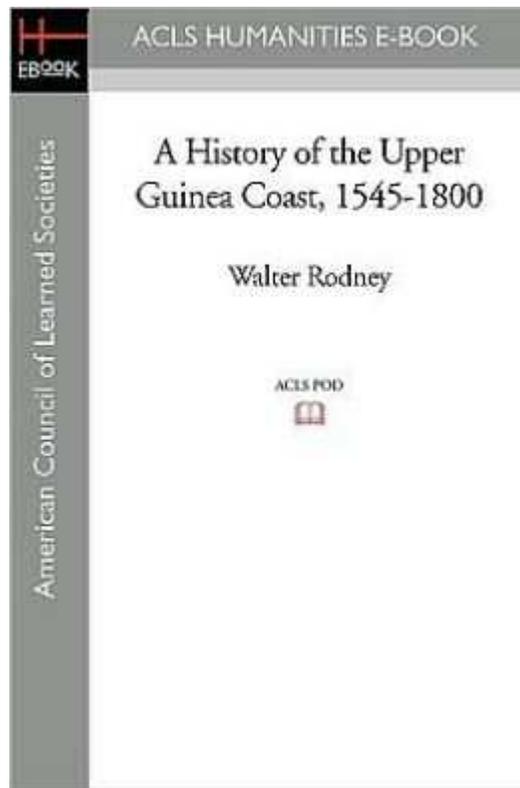


'there are new lines of approach which suggest themselves ... for example, a study of the working class "situation" taken in terms of health, leisure, etc. Social history in the fullest sense, including politics, but not tied exclusively to politics; studies which focus attention on class relations, the impact of other classes and class organisations on the workers; and a strictly economic history of labour.'

Michelle Perrot (1928)



Walter Rodney (1942-1980)



Friedrich Schiller, 1789



'the most remote regions of the world contribute to our luxury. After all, the clothes we wear, the spices in our food, and the price for which we buy them, many of our strongest medicines, and also many new tools of our destruction – do they not presuppose a Columbus who discovered America, a Vasco da Gama who circumnavigated the tip of Africa?'

Oliver C. Cox (1901-1974) and Immanuel Wallerstein (1930)



Global Labour History ...

- **is an 'area of concern' rather than a theory**
- **focuses on the transcontinental study of labour relations and workers' social movements in the broadest sense of the word**
- **has no limits in temporal perspective, although practically the emphasis is on the period from the fourteenth century**

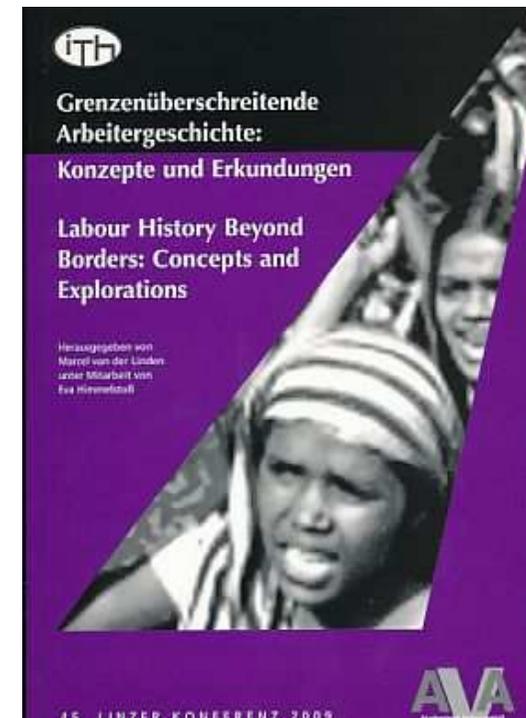
Association of Indian Labour Historians, since 1996



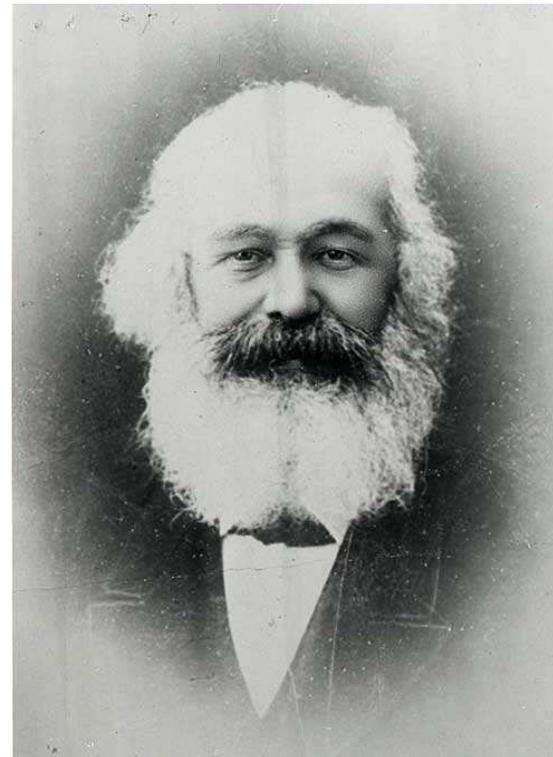
Mundos do Trabalho, Brazil, since 2001



General Assembly 2006: 'The ITH will focus on *Global Labour History*, this is the global history of all wage-earners, slaves, sharecroppers, etc., including their organizations and associated social movements.'



Marx and Weber: 'free' wage labour is capitalist labour *par excellence*



A broad concept of the working class

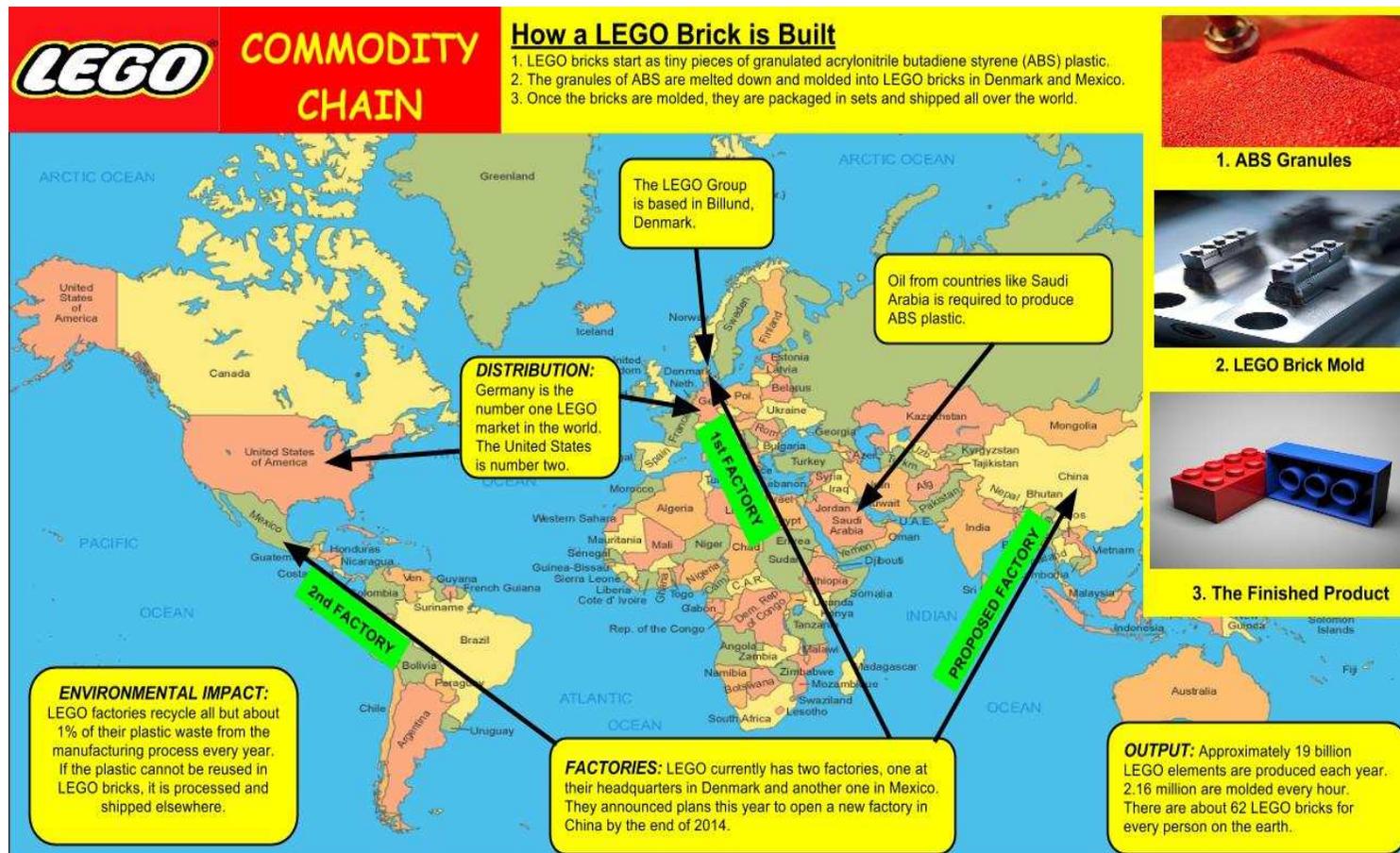


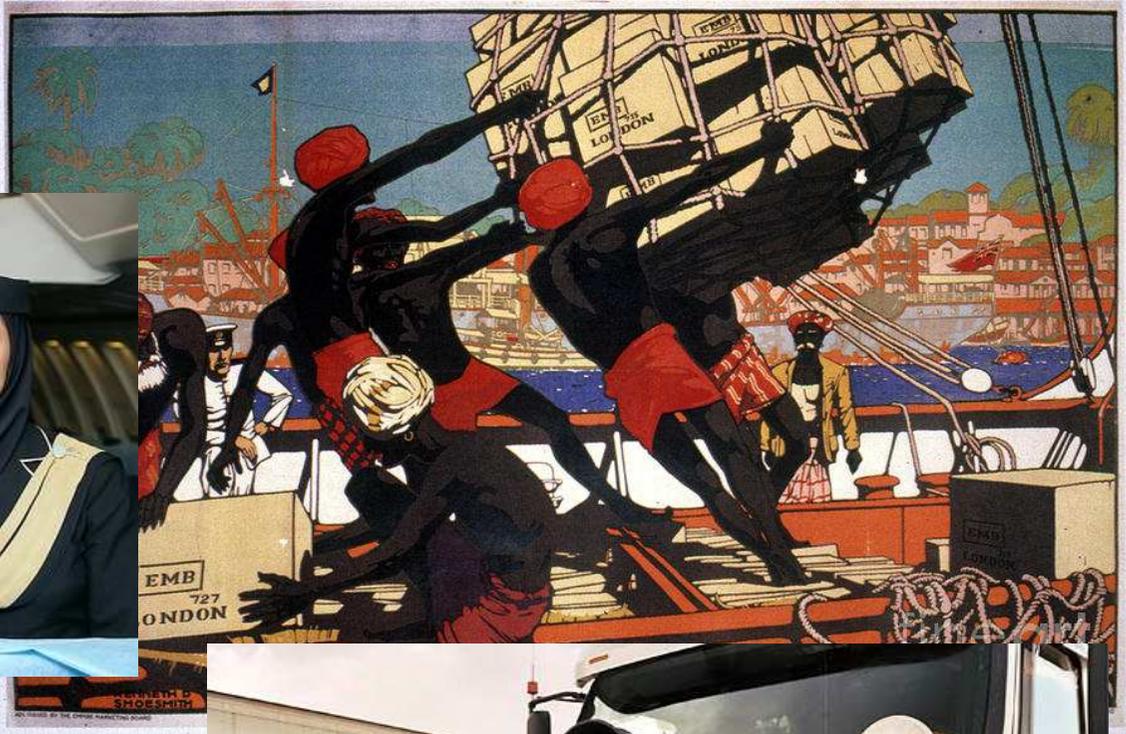
BRANDING SLAVES.

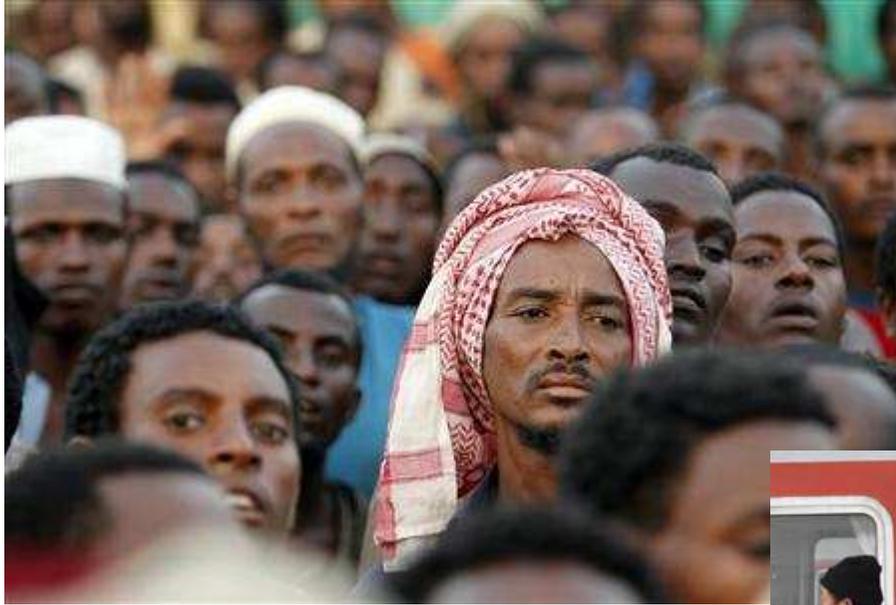
Many forms of precarious labour



Commodity chains connect labour processes worldwide







A global wave of protests, 1966-1974



Thank you for your attention!

