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**Colonialism and Migration in the
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A Global History**
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What are the effects of globalization on the labour force and the effects of changes in labour force on globalization? To what extent did empire structures determine the regulation and migration of labour in the Portuguese Empire from the eighteenth to the twentieth century? How can we connect in history time-space-labour and international relations to help to understand the historical development of an empire?

In the framework of the global history of Europe this lecture begins with the first attempts at effective colonization of the African territory and the massive migration of Portuguese workers to Brazil when slavery ended there – at the time, the Portuguese were deployed as labour force, to avoid the use of newly freed slaves. We will then analyse the role of the labour management in the colonies during the twentieth century. Further, we will approach the expansion of workforce training after 1960, during the industrialization wave carried out thanks to Portuguese, Northern European, and North American capital. After that, we shall look into the changes in the work force in Portugal throughout the last four decades, within the frame of the country's integration in the EU.

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