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**Precarious Work and Labor Regulation in Brazil: Rural and Domestic Workers Struggling for Citizenship in the Worlds of Labor (1930-2016)**

Abstract:

This presentation will analyze the development of labor laws in Brazil taking into consideration the relations between the State, workers and the labor movement, from the 1930s, when Getúlio Vargas took power, to the present day. During this long period, several categories of urban-industrial workers have struggled to guarantee the application of labor legislation. These struggles were fundamental for citizenship and the formation of social classes in Brazil. However, the Brazilian labor code, established in 1941, did not include rural and domestic workers. They were vulnerable to all kinds of human rights violations and various forms of precarious work and serfdom. Nevertheless, the exclusion of these two categories from the labor code did not mean the absence of struggles, much less the passivity of these workers. Domestic and rural workers have learned to use the language of labor rights and have developed repertoires of action striving for their rights and equal conditions with urban and industrial workers.

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