



Workshop

Corporations, Labor and Human Rights: Historical and Legal Perspectives

02 March 2026, 10:00 – 12:30

Room B18.003, Campus - Brig

Programme

Monday 02 March 2026

10:00-10:10 Introduction by Sabine Pitteloud, UniDistance Suisse

10:15-11:15 **Session 1**

Michael Schmitz
Faculty of History, UniDistance Suisse

*Modernity with Colonial Imprints: A Swiss
Cacao Trading Company in Bahia, Brazil
(1914-1945)*

Ana Carla Farrer Gonçalves
Faculty of Law, UniDistance Suisse

*Corporate accountability of private military
and security companies*

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 **Session 2**

Leila Girschweiler
University of Zurich

*Oswaldo Ballarin. A Biographical
Perspective on Swiss Business and the
Military Dictatorship in Brazil*

Victoria Basualdo,
CONICET (National Council of Science
and Technology, Argentina)

*Academic interdisciplinary research and
legal prosecution: experiences and
trajectories in the field of corporate
accountability in Argentina*