



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

10:30-11:30 **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 Farrèr Gonçalves

Faculty of Law, UniDistance Suisse

Corporate accountability of private military and security companies

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:30 **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