# FUTURES IN THE HISTORY OF DEINDUSTRIALIZATION

# Museum of Industrial Heritage

# Bologna, 13-15 October 2022

# **THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER**

### 2-3pm) Opening

Welcome by **Maura Grandi** (Director of Museum of Industrial Heritage of Bologna) and **Alessandro Cristofori** (Italian Society of Labour History)

Introduction by Eloisa Betti and the organizing team

# 3-4.30pm PANEL 1: LONG SHOTS OF POST-INDUSTRIAL TEMPORALITIES

Chair: Liliosa Azara

From Ploughs to Computers: Socialist Visions of a Post-Industrial Age

Martin Babička (University of Oxford)

Alternative Futures? Preliminary Ideas on the Italian Workers' Movement between Deindustrialization and Environmentalism

Gilda Zazzara (University of Venice)

The Future of Deindustrialization – A Cultural Turn?
The Future of Former Industrial Landscapes and Industrial
Societies in Central Europe

Tibor Valuch (Ezterhazy Karoly University)

**5–6pm** Presentation of the project "Il lavoro e la memoria", based on the collection of video-interviews of miners from Sulcis-Iglesiente, by **Liliosa Azara** with the participation of **Monica Grossi** (Soprintendenza archivistica della Sardegna)

# FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER

# 10-12am PANEL 2: IMAGE POLITICS, CULTURAL POLITICS AND HERITAGIZATION

Chair: Stefan Moitra

"The Ruhr – Heading For a New Future": Pasts and Futures in Regional Image Politics

Helen Wagner (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Negotiating a Future for Coal: the RAG AG and the Creation of the Zollverein World Heritage Site

**Gertjan Plets** (Utrecht University) and **Marin Kuijt** (Leiden University)

Deindustrialization as Cultural Trauma: The Future of Mountain Industrial Ruins between Local and Global Imaginaries

Gianluca Lanfranchi (University of Bologna)

12am-1pm Lunch break

1–3pm Guided tour of the Museum of industrial heritage of Bologna

3-5pm PANEL 3: COMING TO TERMS WITH FEARS AND HOPES

Chair: Francesca Sanna

Middletown Revisited: Deindustrialization and Local Structures of Feeling in Muncie, Indiana (USA)

Patrick Collier and James J. Connolly (Ball State University)

Dystopian Futures: Cultural Creation and Decline in Asturian Coalfields **5.15–6pm** Presentation of Bologna metalmeccani@ and screening of the short film "Noi siamo la Minganti" by **Eloisa Betti, Carlo De Maria, Maura Grandi** with the participation of **Michele Bulgarelli** (Fiom-Cgil Bologna)

### SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER

# 10-12am PANEL 4: URBAN PLANNING AND LOCAL STRATEGIES

Chair: Christian Wicke

Building the Post-Industrial Future in Urban Britain **Alistair Kefford** (Leiden University)

Nowa Huta: Then, Now and in the Future

**Melinda Harlov-Csortán** (Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg)

Towards a Bright Future: Examining the Transition from Mining to Industry in a Soviet Uranium Mining Town Nikolaos Olma (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin)

The Factory Between Heritage and Production: Memories and Perspectives of an Incomplete Deindustrialization

Francesco Caiazzo (University of Bologna)

12-12.30pm Closing Discussion
12.30-1.30pm Lunch Break

**2–6pm** Industrial heritage guided tour across Bologna area organized by the Museum of Industrial Heritage of Bologna (in English)

# In collaboration with:



Working Group "Labour in Mining", Working Group "Memory and Deindustrialization" Working group "Central-East Europe"









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