

Overview:

**Working Group on Feminist Labour History 2015-2021:
Conference activities**

First ELHN Conference, 14-16 December 2015, Turin

Calls for Papers for panels on the following themes:

Women and trade unions in Europe and beyond, 19th to 21st Centuries

Women and gender relations in the labour force: the case of mining, 1500-2000

Wage equality, pay equity and equal pay / Igualdad salarial, equidad de remuneración y de salario

Gender, labour and modern history: what's new in Europe? / Genre, travail et histoire contemporaine: quoi de neuf en Europe? / Género, trabajo e historia contemporánea: ¿qué novedades hay en Europa?

Women's work in the rural areas: a long-term perspective (XII-XXI century) (together with the research group Labour and Rural Workers of SISLav)

Panels (co-)organized:

Women and trade unions in Europe and beyond, 19th to 21st centuries

A biographical approach to women and trade unions in Italian history: the case of Emilia-Romagna

Women and gender relations in the labour force: the case of mining, 1500-2000

Genre, travail et histoire contemporaine: quoi de neuf en Europe ? / Gender, labour and modern history: what's new in Europe?

Wage equality, pay equity and equal pay (together with the ELHN Working Group Long-term History of Remuneration)

Women's work in the rural areas: a long-term perspective (XII-XII century) (together with the research group Labour and Rural Workers of SISLav)

Precariousness and free/unfree labour at global level: connections and intersections in a long historical perspective (together with the ELHN Working Group Free and Unfree Labour)

Second ELHN Conference, 2-4 December 2017, Paris

Calls for Papers:

Open Call giving a list of nine potential themes

Panels organized:

Gender, labour and state intervention

Women's work effects on politics and home

Women in industry and male work spaces

Female labour and economic development: Ester Boserup's contribution

Women workers' agency

Event organized:

Meet the authors: "Women's ILO. Transnational Networks, Global Labour Standards and Gender Equity, 1919 to Present" (Brill 2018)

Conference “New Perspectives in Feminist Labour History: Work and Activism”, 17-18 January 2019, Bologna

Calls for Papers:

New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism

Panels:

Women in typically male occupations and the gendered division of labour in society

Building Women’s Networks – Action repertoires and Ideas Circulation

Women’s movements and women workers’ rights

Productive and reproductive labour between austerity, precarity and migration

Women and trade unions

Third ELHN Conference, 19-21 September 2019, Amsterdam

Calls for Papers:

Shared Open Call giving a list of three potential themes (together with the ELHN Working Group Labour and Family Economy)

Reproductive labour and unfree labour: rethinking free labour and its others (call for a joint session together with the ELHN Working Group Free/Unfree Labour)

Panels organized:

New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism

Family labour in the long period: gender roles, agency and boundaries

Women in trade unions: obstacles, agency, resistance and personal constraints

Event co-organized:

Plenary Roundtable: Rethinking the triangle: the relationship between free, unfree and reproductive/subsistence labour (together with the ELHN Working Group Free/Unfree Labour)

Fourth ELHN (and Second WORCK) Conference 30 August-3 September 2021, Vienna

Calls for Papers:

Working women in agriculture (19 to 21 centuries)

Women workers as writers

Panels organized:

Women as workers, peasants, and property owners in 19th century rural Europe

Women workers as writers and witnesses: voices from 20th Century Europe and North America

Rural women workers on the peripheries in the 20th Century: economic roles and forms of agency

The 5th ELHN Conference was postponed to 2024.

Fifth ELHN Conference 11-13 June 2024, Uppsala

Call for Papers:

Feminist Labour History (open call)

Panels organized:

Expert discourses and struggles around the regulation of women's labour

Women's gendered forms of action and mobilization

Struggles around women's un/paid work and social reproduction

International platforms of women's labour activism: Tensions and collaborations

Tensions around women's labour leadership: A biographical approach to the history of women's labour activism

Panels co-organized:

With WG Labour and Empire: Women confronting gender, racial and religious segregation in the field of labour and labour activism in (post)colonial contexts

With WG Workplaces: Pasts and Presents: Women negotiating change in industrial workplaces across the 20th century

Event organized:

Anything new under the sun? Highlights from and reflections on ELHN-related publications. A Roundtable across Working Groups

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