

**European Labour History Network**  
**Working Group “Feminist Labour History”**  
**Newsletter N. 5 – June 2024**

**Invitation to participate**

Concerning our two main upcoming activities: the conference in Warsaw and the special issue in "Labour History", we invite WG members to join. Whoever is interested in joining the guest editor team or the organizational committee of the conference are welcome. Please let us know it within two weeks.

**Meeting of the WG Feminist Labour History, 11 June 2024, Uppsala**

There were around 10-12 WG members present at the meeting, in person and online. We discussed the following topics:

***1) Plans and wishes for the future***

**Special issue gendered labour history**

Upon the suggestion of Diane Kirkby we are planning a special issue with papers from our WG and possibly other papers with a focus on gendered labour history that were presented at the ELHN conference in Uppsala. The special issue will be in the journal *Labour History: A Journal of Labour and Social History* and will be edited by Diane Kirkby (who is in the editorial board of the journal) and invited guest editors. It is planned to be published in 2026. The coordinators of the WG Feminist Labour History will circulate among the WG members a call for proposals soon and the deadline for paper submissions will most likely follow in November 2024. The special issue could include around 8 articles.

**Conference of the WG Feminist Labour History in Warsaw in Spring 2026**

Natalia Jarska, Marta Chmielewska, Susan Zimmermann, and Leda Papastefanaki would be the main organizers of the conference that would take place at the Institute of History at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw in spring 2026.

## Continuing the yearly newsletter

The yearly newsletter of the WG Feminist Labour History will be sent soon with the latest updates. These include reports about research projects, publications and other news from WG members.

### ***2) Change in the composition of the coordinating committee***

Susan Zimmermann stepped down and Natalia Jarska became the new member of the coordinating committee of the WG Feminist Labour History.

See updated presentation on the [website](#).

## Publications

2024

Jarska, N., "Trade Union Activists, Expertise, and Gender Inequalities in the Workplace in Post-1956 Poland. A Struggle to Reveal Unequal Pay," in: *Through the Prism of Gender and Work. Women's Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries*, eds. Selin Çağatay, Alexandra Ghit, Olga Gnydiuk, Veronika Helfert, Ivelina Masheva, Zhanna Popova, Jelena Tešija, Eszter Varsa, and Susan Zimmermann *Studies in Global Social History*, Volume: 51, Brill 2024, 375–398 DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004682481\\_013](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004682481_013).

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Varsa Eszter, "The Women of Viharsarok: Peasant Women's Labour Activism in 1890s Hungary," *International Review of Social History* 69, no. 1 (2024): 99-126, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020859024000130>

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*of Gender and Work: Women's Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries*. Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2023, 1-80.

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Lišková, K., Jarska, N., Gagyiova, A., Aguilar López-Barajas, J., & Rábová, Š. (2023). Work, marriage and premature birth: The socio-medicalisation of pregnancy in state socialist East-Central Europe. *Medical History*, 67(4), 285-306. doi:10.1017/mdh.2023.28

Tamboukou Maria (2023) *Epistolary Narratives of Love, Gender and Agonistic Politics: An Arendtian Approach*, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group ([\*Epistolary Narratives of Love, Gender and Agonistic Politics\*](#))

Varsa Eszter, “The Rulers are the Causes of the War [...] They are the Reason there is no Bread in our Town:’ Women’s Food Riots in the Hungarian Countryside, 1917 and 1918,” *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* 30, no. 2 (2023): 279-299, <https://doi.org/10.1080/25739638.2023.2227515>

2022

Betti, Eloisa, Leda Papastefanaki, Marica Tolomelli, Susan Zimmermann (eds.), 2022, *Women, Work, and Activism. Chapters of an Inclusive History of Labor in the Long Twentieth Century*, Budapest / New York, Central European University Press, series: Work and Labor – Transdisciplinary Studies for the 21st Century. [Take an outlook on the content and introduction here.](#)

Betti, Eloisa, Leda Papastefanaki, Marica Tolomelli, Susan Zimmermann, 2022, «A női aktivizmus története mint a globális munkástörténet része» [The history of women’s activism as a component of global labour history], *Múltunk. Politikátörténeti folyóirat* 4 (2022), special issue «Munkástörténet» [Labour History], pp. 41–82 (open access <https://doi.org/10.56944/multunk.2022.4.2>).

Papastefanaki Leda, 2022 “Sewing at home in Greece, 1870s to 1930s. A global history perspective”, in Malin Nilsson, Indrani Mazumdar & Silke Neunsinger (eds.), *Home-Based Work and Home-Based Workers 1800-2021* (Series: Studies in Global Labour History, Volume 45, Leiden: Brill, 2022), 74-95 [open access [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004499614\\_006](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004499614_006) ]

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Papastefanaki, Leda & Nikos Potamianos (eds.), *Labour history in the semi-periphery. Southern Europe, 19th-20th centuries*, Berlin/Boston: Oldenburg De Gruyter, 2021.

## Research projects

### 2022-2026

*Petites industries », travail des femmes et diversité des chemins de l'industrialisation dans l'Europe méditerranéenne* [Small industries, women's work and diversity of industrialisations' routes in Mediterranean Europe]. Scientific responsables : Manuela Martini (Université Lyon 2 – IUF) & Leda Papastefanaki (University of Ioannina). Institutions : École française d'Athènes with the support of LARHRA-UMdR 5190, Institut Universitaire de France, University of Ioannina (2022-2026).

### 2022-2024

*Savoirs et formation des travailleurs et travailleuses en Seine-Saint-Denis (XIX-XXIe s. Recherche et valorisation des sources* [Knowledge and training of women and men workers in Seine-Saint-Denis (19th-21st c.): research and valorisation of sources] Scientific coordination: Françoise F. Laot (Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis). Institutions: Maison des sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord, Campus Condorcet.

## Other information

Please find here : the [Working Group conference activities \(2015-2021\)](#)