

Newsletter N. 10: 2nd ELHN Conference in Paris is coming soon!

Dear members of the ELHN Working Group “Free and Unfree Labour”,

The **second conference of the European Labour History Network (ELHN)** is approaching, and it is high time that we send you an update – especially on the activities concerning our working group.

The conference will take place **from 2 to 4 November 2017 in Paris**, and the programme (in French and English) with all the practical information is now online:

<https://elhn2017.sciencesconf.org/>

As you may see from the programme, the first two conference days (Thursday and Friday) will take place at the Université Paris Nanterre, which is about an hour from the city centre of Paris, while the last day on Saturday (4 November) will happen at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in the Quartier Latin, right in the heart of the French capital.

Our working group activities will be the following:

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| 2-11-2017, 10:30–12:30 | Session 1: New approaches to the “Free and unfree labour” question (with papers from Juliane Schiel, Rebekka von Mallinckrodt, Paulo Cruz Terra, Robert Knecht and Luca Polese) |
| 2-11-2017, 2:00–3:30 | Session 2: Moments (or degrees) of coercion (with papers from Giulia Bonazza, Yvonne Svanström, Jeannine Bischoff and Fernando Mendiola) |
| 2-11-2017, 4:00–5:30 | WORKING GROUP MEETING: discussion of current and future projects of the working groups, election/confirmation of the coordinators, and afterwards joint pub crawl |
| 3-11-2017, 2:00–3:30 | Session 3 (joint session with the military labour working group): Free/unfree military labour (with papers from Gulay Yilmaz, Giulio Ongaro, Otto Aura and Juan Carlos Garcia-Funes) |

Please save the dates in your agenda! It would be great if as many of you as possible could participate in these sessions in order to push our working group discussion even further. We would especially like to invite you to our **working group meeting** on Thursday late afternoon! We want to take that opportunity in order to gather as many group members as possible and decide together on ongoing and future projects and activities of the group. After that group meeting, we will go out for a drink or two and a dinner later on. Please come and join!

After all, we would be really grateful if you could **send us a short note when you are planning to come to Paris** so that we can prepare the group discussions accordingly.

After Paris, the next **European Social Sciences and History Conference (ESSHC)** comes in sight. This time, we will meet from **4–7 April 2018 in Belfast**. The programme will be out soon (check the website: <https://esshc.socialhistory.org/esshc-belfast-2018>), but we know there will be at least two sessions on free and unfree labour. So please save the date. Further information will follow soon.

Besides that, we would like to point to the **report written by Christian De Vito** about the **Latin American Labour Congress** that took place in May this year in La Paz, Bolivia. As you may understand from the attached report, a new **Latin American Labour History Network (RELATT)** has been established during that conference. Also, within the conference there was a major focus on free/unfree labour. A group on that topic is very likely to be established within RELATT and we will try to create as much exchange and collaboration between this working group and ours as possible.

Furthermore, the University of Bonn has just founded the interdisciplinary and comparative **Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (BCDSS)** focussing on the agency of individuals as well as groups within asymmetrical structures of dependency generated by social orders. Some of its members are already part of our working group and we are going to enforce collaboration between the ELHN network and the new centre in Bonn. For further information see: <https://www.dependency.uni-bonn.de/en/about>

And last, but not least, we will list a number of relevant conferences, calls, scholarships and publications:

Conferences and Calls for Paper:

- 27–30 September 2017, Rio de Janeiro: XIII Jornadas Internacionais de Estudos das Monarquias Ibéricas, Nacoes em movimento. Indios, africanos e cristaos-novos nos impérios ibéricos ultramarinos
- 23–26 May 2018, Barcelona, Spain: LASA 2018 / Latin American Studies in a Globalized World (<https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/congress/>)
- 15–20 July 2018, Salamanca, Spain: 56° Congreso Internacional de Americanistas

Call for Applications:

- Research Fellowship for the Academic Year 2018–19 at the International Research Center Re:Work in Berlin. Applications are due in Berlin on 10 September 2017 (<https://rework.hu-berlin.de/de/call-for-appl/articles/call-for-appl.html>)
- Resident researchers at the Casa de Velazquez for 2018 in Madrid. Applications are due on 15 September 2017.

New publications:

- Michael Zeuske, *Sklavenhändler, Negreros und Atlantikkreolen. Eine Weltgeschichte des Sklavenhandels im atlantischen Raum*, Berlin/ Boston 2015.
- Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf et al. (eds.), *Bonded Labour. Global and Comparative Perspectives (18th–21st Century)*, Bielefeld 2016.
- Beatriz G. Mamigonian, *Africanos livres. A abolição do tráfico de escravos no Brasil*, São Paulo 2017.
- Fia Sundevall/Christian De Vito, Fritt och ofritt arbete, in: *Arbetshistoria: Meddelande från Arbetarrörelsens Arkiv och Bibliotek* 2017, n. 3.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Paris soon!

Best wishes,

Juliane Schiel, Christian G. De Vito, Matthias van Rossum, Jesùs Agua de la Roza.