

MARITIME LABOUR HISTORY WORKING GROUP (EUROPEAN LABOR HISTORY NETWORK)

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HERE WE GO AGAIN

Dear colleagues and friends,

Here we go again. It has been a long time, probably too long, but we launch a second season of the Newsletter of the Maritime Labour History Working Group. We will start “half ahead” but we hope we will be able to boost both the Newsletter and the group as well.

As always, we need everyone's collaboration to be able to share information about conferences, publications, etc.

Hello again.

CONFERENCES

3rd European Labour History Network Conference, Amsterdam, 19-21 September 2019.

As a Working Group in the framework of this network, we have organized a panel that has been accepted and it is drawn as follows:

SESSION 1: PORTS AND MARITIME COMMUNITIES

*** Paper 1 Great Entrepreneurs, Medium-sized Businessmen and Workers: The Jews and Sea in Thessaloniki (1920-1925). *Dr. Shai Srougo, Department of Jewish History, University of Haifa.***

*** Paper 2 The socio-professional transformation of la Barceloneta in the XIXth century: labor strategies and demographic behavior in the**

twilight of the age of sail. *Eduard Page Campos PhD Student. Universitat de Barcelona*

* Paper 3 **Working for the Empire: the structure of wages of the public sector at the Port of Dakar (1911-1960).** *Daniel Castillo Hidalgo. Independent Scholar.*

* Paper 4 **The Sea in the Factories. The Containerization and the FIAT Transformations. (1967 -2000)** *Marco Caligari. Independent Researcher*

*Paper 5: **Proletarization and social ascent in maritime loading and unloading. Boats and cranes in the port of Barcelona, 1835-1880.** *Jordi Ibarz Gelabert. Universitat de Barcelona*

SESSION 2: SEAFARERS AND SEAFARERS

* Paper 1 **“Moving in, moving out and moving about” – Migration Flows of Seafarers as seen by the Census Records, Gothenburg ca. 1880-1930.** *Tomas Nilson, PhD, Halmstad University*



* Paper 2 **Colonial seafarers creating a trans-imperial space. British Empire and steamship labour circulations (1850-1950).** *Justine Cousin, Université Paris IV Sorbonne*

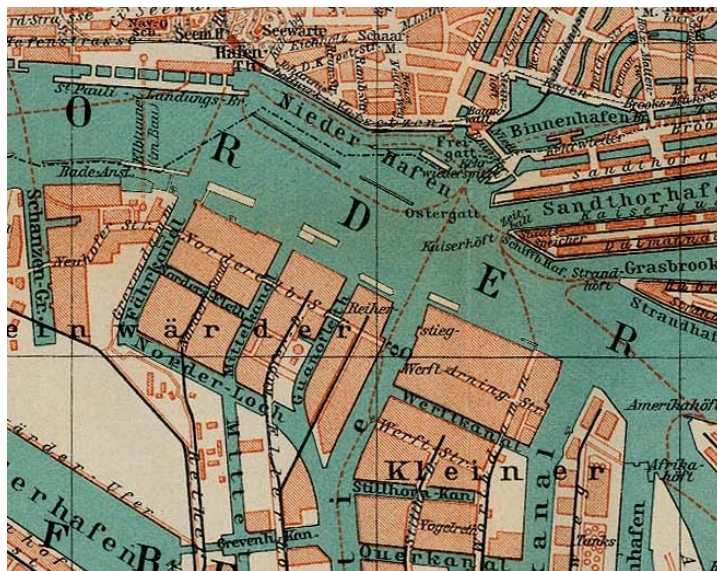
* Paper 3 **Shipbuilding and Labour History: The Case of Brazilian Naval Shipyards in the Nineteenth Century.** *David P. Lacerda. Postdoctoral researcher supported by The São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). State University of Campinas, Brazil*

***Paper 4 Crime and class struggle between decks: the case of the Austrian Lloyd.** *Matteo Barbano. Institute for Mediterranean Studies. FORTH* Matteo Barbano

SESSION 3: LABOUR MARKETS

*** Paper 1 “From Shipowners to Engineers. Labour market trajectories during the transition from sail to steam”.** *Dr. Katerina Galani, Institute of Mediterranean Studies- FORTH*

*** Paper 2 From Sicily to Salonika Jewish Fishermen as part of Mediterranean Net(work)?** *Dr. Gila Hadar Jewish History, Haifa University.*



*** Paper 3 The social insurance for seafarers in the early years of the foundation of the Greek state and the establishment of the Navy Retirement Fund in 1861. Some preliminary thoughts about the functioning of N.R.F. in the 19th century.** *Alkis Kapokakis*

(University of Crete / I.M.S. / F.O.R.T.H)

*** Paper 4 From the foremen's taverns to 'redondilla' and 'turno numerado': The emergence of the rotating systems at the saltpeter and coal Chilean docks' in the early 20th century.** *Camilo Santibáñez. Universidad de Santiago de Chile*

***Paper 5 Desertion & Destitution: Britain and Indian Merchant Seamen, 1939-45,** *I.E. Johnson-White. University of Roehampton, London*

SESSION 4: FRONT OFFICE, BACK OFFICE: OLD AND NEW JOBS IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY AFTER 1850

***Paper 1 From Sail to Steam: Labour Composition, Wage Distribution and Career Perspectives on Belgian Merchant Vessels, 1850-1900.**

Kristof Looockx, University of Antwerp / Free University of Brussels, Belgium

***Paper 2: Between Sea and Land. Seamen in Port Services. Barcelona, 1870-1930.** *Enric Garcia Domingo, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain*

***Paper 3: From the Captain's Tiger to the Chief Steward. Career patterns of the Catering Personnel working on British Passenger Liners, 1860–1938.** *Sari Mäenpää, Maritime Centre Forum Marinum, Finland*

***Paper 4: Passenger Pigeons. The Rise and Decline of Radio-operators in the Dutch Mercantile Marine in the 20th Century.** *Karel Davids, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

***Paper 5 Working the Greek cargo steamers in late nineteenth, early twentieth century.** *Dr. Apostolos Delis. Institute for Mediterranean Studies. Foundation of Research and Technology; Thomas Kalesios, Institute for Mediterranean Studies/University of Crete*

You can find more information at the webpage of the ELHN. You can follow this link: <https://socialhistoryportal.org/elhn/wg-maritime>.

European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, March 2020

We have sent a proposal of panel to the ESSHC 2020 to be held at Leiden. We don't have confirmation of acceptance yet. The title of the panel is *Forms of Remuneration in Maritime Industries: Living from the Sea On-board or Ashore*.

You can find more information at <https://esshc.socialhistory.org/node/116>



To bring together scholars who explain historical phenomena using the methods of the social sciences

19th World Economic History Congress (WEHC), Paris, France. July 25-30, 2021.

The WEHCs are international and interdisciplinary events placing close collaboration of economics and history at their core. These congresses appeal to managers, sociologists, geographers, ethno-anthropologists, psychologists, philosophers, but also to historians of science and technology, as well as natural and life scientists. All researchers across the world are more than welcome to participate.

Organizing the Congress in France will mean, for economic history, returning to its roots: indeed, the discipline has grown out of the dialog around historical investigations into economy and societies established by European historiographies (especially those of France, Germany, the UK, Italy and Spain) on the one hand, and those which have developed outside Europe, in the United States, in Asia, and in Latin America on the other hand.

Deadline for paper submission 30 June 30, 2019. More information at <http://www.wehc2021.org/en/wehc/>

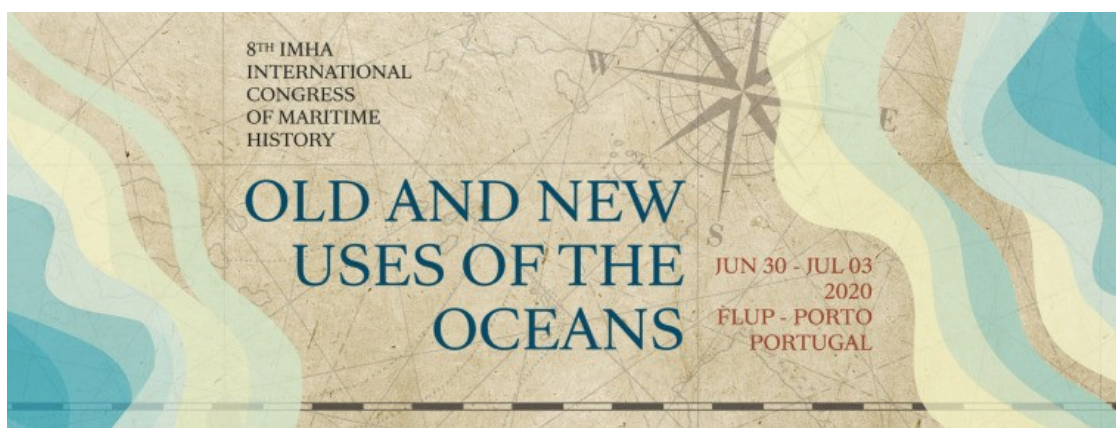


IMHA 8th International Congress of Maritime History- IMHA, June 30- July 03 2020.

A call for paper has been launched for this conference, *Old and new uses of the oceans*, Organized per International Maritime History Association and CITCEM –U. PORTO (Transdisciplinary Research Centre Culture, Space and Memory – University of Porto)

The main theme will be “Old and New Uses of the Oceans”, and the aim is to investigate the many aspects of the relationship between humans and the oceans. We sail the surface of the oceans, harvest their resources, and exploit the minerals on and under the ocean floor. The oceans are also used as inspiration, for literature and other forms of art, and they shape relations among humans – both distant and close ones.

As with previous congresses, ICMH8 adopts a broad concept of maritime history, treating it as an interdisciplinary field that covers all historical periods and areas and all aspects of humankind’s relationship with the sea.



Papers will be welcome on a wide range of research areas reflecting people and their activities and interest in, on, around and under the waters of the world. The Organizing Committee also welcomes proposals for full panels and roundtables. The Congress theme provides opportunities for researchers to share their work with colleagues in their various areas of interest and with researchers in adjoining fields.

Participants are invited to submit a short proposal in English indicating the scope of their intended paper, panel or roundtable, plus short biographical notes for all prospective participants. Papers from the Congress will be considered for publication by the International Maritime History Association in its International Journal of Maritime History.

Deadline of paper submissions: 30 SEPTEMBER, 2019. More information at <https://imha.info/2019/03/12/8th-imha-international-congress-of-maritime-history/>

SeaLiT 3rd Workshop, Genoa, 10th-11th October, 2019.

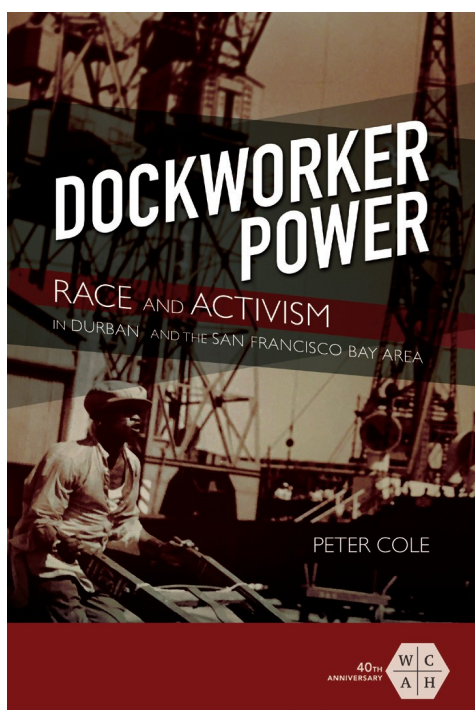
The title of the workshop will be “The transition from sail to steam in navigation: maritime labour transformations (1850s-1920s)” and in our intentions it will be the opportunity to confront and discuss our preliminary results, suggestions and ideas about one core element of the project as maritime labour is.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

We offer you information about publications that can be of your interest. In this newsletter all of them are from members of our working group. Please keep us informed about your recent publications on the topic on labour and maritime industries.

Dockworker Power

We encourage you to read the new book by Peter Cole, *Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area*



Dockworkers have power. Often missed in commentary on today’s globalizing economy, workers in the world’s ports can harness their role, at a strategic choke point, to promote their labor rights and social justice causes. Peter Cole brings such overlooked experiences to light in an eye-opening comparative study of Durban, South Africa, and the San Francisco Bay Area, California. Path breaking research reveals how unions effected lasting change in some of the most far-reaching struggles of modern times. First, dockworkers in each city drew on longstanding radical traditions to promote racial equality. Second, they persevered when a new technology—container ships—sent a shockwave of layoffs through the industry. Finally, their commitment to black internationalism and leftist politics sparked transnational work stoppages to protest apartheid and authoritarianism.

Dockworker Power not only brings to light surprising parallels in the experiences of dockers half a world away from each other. It also offers a new perspective on how workers can change their conditions and world.

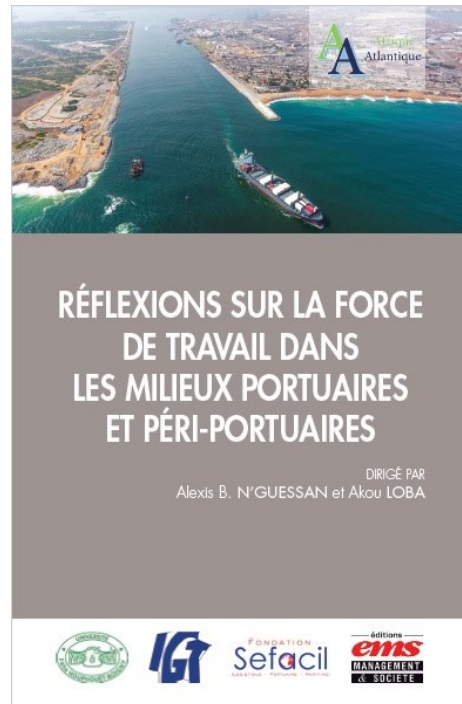
For Online orders please go to www.press.uillinois.edu

Workforce in African ports

Here you have a book on workforce in African ports, a subject very interesting for some of you. This is a recommendation by John Barzman.

We take advantage of this opportunity also to invite you to visit his Facebook Portuaria apud Barzman (<https://www.facebook.com/Portuaria-apud-Barzman-1666275533623909/>).

There you can find also the summary of this book.



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