

MARITIME LABOUR HISTORY WORKING GROUP (EUROPEAN LABOR HISTORY NETWORK)

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CONFERENCES

Call for papers: Colloque international et interdisciplinaire. Outils, acteurs et pratiques des économies des villes portuaires maritimes en Europe méditerranéenne et atlantique du XVIIe siècle à nos jours.

Fabien Bartolotti, Xavier Daumalin et Olivier Raveux (UMR TELEMME, CNRS-AMU) are the organizers of this conferences, to be held at MUCEM, Marseille, on 4-5 octobre 2018. If you are interested please contact with raveux@mms.h.univ-aix.fr

Race and the Sea conference, Liverpool 15 September 2017



Black seafarers were part of the crew. Racial mixing and integration was normal. Race and the Sea is something maritime historians in the UK are giving attention to. Liverpool's Centre for Port and Maritime History is making an important step towards making research visible by organising a conference on this theme on September 15, 2017 at Liverpool John Moores University, UK.

Maritime warfare, Maritime exploration & science, Maritime economies, Maritime law, Maritime art, Tourism & leisure at sea. For more information go to <http://events.history.ac.uk/event/show/15776>

3rd International Conference in Economic and Social History "Labour History: production, markets, relations, policies" (from the late Middle ages to the early 21st century). 24-27 May 2017. University of Ioannina, Greece

Our working group, Maritime Labour History, was present at this conference last 26 May. Three sessions were presented as follows:

**Maritime Labour 1: Gelina Harlaftis (Ionian University), Transforming the island seafaring culture to corporate business culture. Crews on the ships of the Onassis shipping group; Dr Katerina Vourkatioti, Personnel management policies of the House of the Ralli brothers; Laskaro Tzioti, (Ph.D. candidate, Ionian University), On board. Greek Seamen on the eve of World War II*



**Maritime Labour 2: Apostolos Delis (IMS/FORTH), Seafaring lives in transition. Mediterranean maritime labour and shipping and the challenge of globalization, 1850s-1920s; Enric Garcia Domingo (University of Barcelona), The Long Road to Recognition: the Profession of Ship Engineer in the Spanish Merchant Marine (1877-1980); Aurora Iannello (PhD candidate, University of Turin), Workers of the sea. A history of labour in Palermo shipyard from 1945 to 1970*



**Maritime Work in the Context of Crises: Jordi Ibarz (University of Barcelona), Workers Attitudes to the Mechanisation of Unloading Coal in the Port of Barcelona, 1896-1922; Christos Mais (Historian, Research Associate of the Thessaloniki Port Authority) & Kostas Paloukis (Historian, Research Associate of the Thessaloniki Port Authority), The evolution of labour at the Port of Thessaloniki: From the 1920s Free Zone of Thessaloniki to the 1970s Thessaloniki Port Authority; Shai Srougo (University of Haifa), Jews and Thessalonikian-Greeks in a Common Struggle in the Docks Against the Influx of Greek Refugees (1922-1925)*

The conference was a great success, among other things, due to the idea of mixing economic and social history in the same floor, so academics can exchange views and

mix different approach to similar problems. In the case of maritime activities, this broad scope was very useful as well.

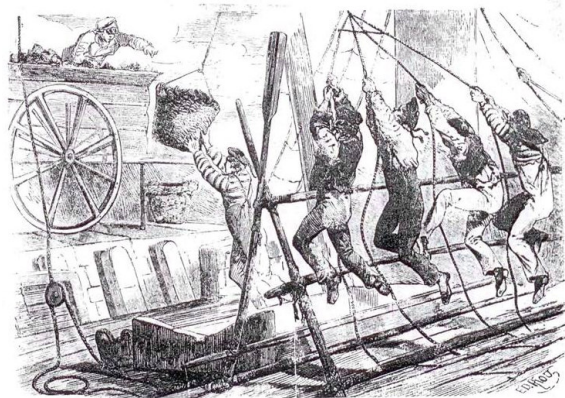
PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

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.

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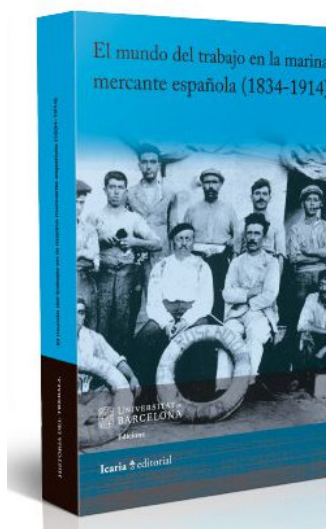
Our colleague John Barzman, from the University of Le Havre, proposes us to take a look at his Facebook. In it we will find selected news items and publications that caught his attention about ports, maritime and labour. It is a personal choice that we can fully share, because we can find information not only about the past but to the present. Dive in at

<https://www.facebook.com/Portuaria-apud-Barzman-1666275533623909/>



Les marins provençaux au XVIII^e siècle

Our colleague Claire Boer has published an article at Tracés, No. 32, "Déplacer les frontières du travail", coordonné par Anaïs Albert, Clyde Plumauzille et Sylvain Ville. The work, *Les travailleurs de la mer: desertions et débarquements des marins provençaux au XVIII^e siècle*, can be found online at <http://traces.revues.org/6826>



Maritime Labour History in Spain

The Universidad de Barcelona has published *El mundo del trabajo en la marina mercante española (1834-1914)*, by Enric Garcia Domingo. Based on his PhD thesis, is the first approach to this topic in Spain and covers the period of transition between sail and steam from the point of view of the crews. The main focus is transformation in labour relations and the effects of technological change on maritime professions on board oceanic trade ships.

You can find it at:

<http://www.icariaeditorial.com/libros.php?id=1658>

ACTIVITIES

Allan Sekula at Barcelona, Fundació Antoni Tàpies



First time in Spain, this is an exhibit on a different approach to maritime economies and globalization. Allan Sekula (Erie, 1951 – Los Angeles, 2013) is one of the most interesting photographers of the second half of the XX century. His work is deeply linked with the world of economics, labour and politics. Sekula practiced what he called "critical realism", informed by Marxist thought, documentary photography, and conceptual art.

Ports, ships and seafarers had been one of his favourite targets, for example in his books *Fish Story* (1995), *Seemannsgarn* (2002) or *Titanic's Wake* (2003). This exhibit is a good reason to rediscover his work. More information at <https://www.fundaciotapies.org/site/spip.php?rubrique65>

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