

European Labour History Network Working Group “Feminist Labour History”

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Dear members of the ELHN Working Group “Feminist Labour History”,

Here are some pieces of information on ongoing and future activities of our Working Group.

THE PARIS EHLN CONFERENCE AND THE FEMINIST LABOUR HISTORY WG MEETING

From 2 to 4 November 2017, the second conference of the European Labour History Network (ELHN) has taken place in Paris. Our working group had organized **six sessions** and a **working group meeting** during the last one (Saturday, November 4th). Around **fourty scholars** were involved in our sub-programme and much more attended the working group meeting. The discussion about the **future of the Feminist Labour History WG** was particularly interesting and important. We summarize below the main topics discussed:

- 1 **Network meeting during the next EHLN conference** (Amsterdam 2019) with a different format
- 2 **Feminist Labour History evening event** with very short presentations of new publications and/or presentations of new research projects
- 3 **Close co-operation with other working group in the ELHN**
- 4 **Co-operation with national/regional and local networks** for shared events
- 5 **Feminist Labour History WG conference** between EHLN conferences, in conjunction with the “Gender and Labour” Group of the Italian Society of Labour History (SISLAV)
- 6 **Two possible book projects:** *Feminist labour history in Europe: New approaches, new results*, to be published in the CEU series; *Women and Trade Unions - 19th to 21st centuries*, to be published with an international publisher (participants of the ELHN, together with others scholars, will be invited to participate in the above book projects)
- 7 **Mailing list to subscribe** to which does not need an administrator forwarding the email, but an administrator to accept new participant etc.
- 8 **Updating page** of the **Feminist Labour HistoryWG** within EHLN website
- 9 **Periodical newsletter of the Feminist Labour History WG**, sharing also local/national/regional events

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE...

We are glad to inform you that the “Gender and Labour” Group of the Italian Society of Labour History has offered to host the **Mid-Term Conference of the Feminist Labour**

History WG in Bologna. We planned to have a **two days conference in mid-January 2019**, under the provisional title *Gendering labour and trade unions' history in the 21th century*. The first day of the conference will be devoted to “New Perspectives on Feminist Labour History”, while the second will focus on “Women and Trade Unions”. A CFP will be launched this spring. The conference aims to build on and move forward the discussion on these topics held first in Turin (2015) and later in Paris (2017), with the aim of including selected papers in the above mentioned book projects.

12TH EUROPEAN SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY CONFERENCE IN BELFAST, 4-7 APRIL 2018

We did not organize a formal gathering of the group in Belfast. Silke Neunsinger will represent our Working Group at the meeting of the ELHN Coordination Committee. Please take the liberty to write to Silke and Eloisa if you are there and you wish to meet some of us.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Eileen Boris, Dorothea Hoehtker, Susan, Zimmermann (eds.), *Women's Ilo. Transnational networks, global standards and gender equity, 1919 to present* (Brill, 2018).

Adrian Grama, Susan Zimmermann, *The art of link-making in global labour history: subaltern, feminist and Eastern European contributions*, “European Review of History: Revue européenne d'histoire”, 25 (2018) 1, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13507486.2017.1374927>

Leda Papastefanaki, *I fleva tis gis. Ta metalleia tis Elladas, 19os-20os aionas* [The veins of the earth: The mines of Greece, nineteenth-twentieth century] (Athens: Vivliorama Publishing, 2017) [in Greek].

Cristina Borderias, Manuela Martini (eds.), *Per una nuova storia del lavoro: genere, economie, soggetti*, Special Issue, *Genesis*, XV/2 (2016) [Italian/English] <https://www.viella.it/rivista/9788867287949>

Conchi Villar (2016) *The female labour force participation, a matter of supply? a matter of demand? an exercise of reconstruction in a context of poverty, Barcelona, 1930–1950*, “The History of the Family”, 22:1, 57-81. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1081602X.2016.1168311>

Corinne M. Belliard, *Chaptal Léonie (1873-1937)*, “Social Service Dictionary”, http://www.cedias.org/index.php?lvl=cmspage&pageid=4&id_article=260

Eloisa Betti, *Gender and Precarious Labor in a Historical Perspective. Italian Women and Precarious Work Between Fordism and Post-Fordism* in S.Mosoetsa, C.Tilly, J. Stillermann (eds.), *Precarious Labor in Global Perspective*, Special Issue, “International Labor and Working-Class History”, 89, 2016, pp.62-83. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0147547915000356>

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-7 April 2018, Belfast: EUROPEAN SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY CONFERENCE (ESSHC), including over thirty sessions on labour history and several devoted to women's labour history: <https://esshc.socialhistory.org/esshc-user/programme>

22-25 May 2018, Stockholm: LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE ON HOME-BASED WORK, organized by the Swedish Labour movement Archive and Library in cooperation with the Centre for Women's Development Studies in Delhi and the WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing) Network. <http://www.arbark.se/sv/forskning/projekt/long-term-perspective-on-home-based-work/>

9-12 August 2018, Vancouver: TRANSNATIONALISMS, TRANSGRESSIONS, TRANSLATIONS, organized by the International Federation for Research in Women's History, <http://www.femst.ucsb.edu/ifrwh/>

4-6 July 2018, Paris: PIONEERING WOMEN AND MEN IN EUROPEAN ADULT EDUCATION (19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURIES), promoted by the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults and the Research Network History of Adult Education and Training in Europe. <http://www.esrea.org/networks/history-of-adult-education-and-training-in-europe/>

CALLS FOR PAPERS

15 April 2018 CfP: ENGENDERING THE HISTORY OF CAPITALISM Joint Session IFRWH And ISHA for 23rd International Congress of Historical Sciences (Poznan 2020) <http://www.ifrwh.com/engendering-the-history-of-capitalism>

15 April 2018 CfP: GENDER IN MOVEMENT(S): WOMEN AND GENDER IN MOTION, IFRWH 2020 Conference in Conjunction with the 23rd International Congress of Historical Sciences (Poznan 2020) <http://www.ifrwh.com/call-for-papers-ifrwh-conference-poznan-2020>

16 April 2018 CfP GENDER IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY, 38th Conference of the Portuguese Economic and Social History Association, organized by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and the Centre of History of the University of Lisbon (Lisbon, 16-17 November 2018) http://www.centrodehistoria-flul.com/uploads/7/1/7/0/7170743/38encontroaphes_call_en.pdf

25 April 2018 CfP: GENDERED WORK, GENDERED STRUGGLES: WOMEN'S ACTIVISM AT THE WORK-PLACE IN LONG-TERM AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE Joint Session IFRWH And ISHA for 23rd International Congress of Historical Sciences (Poznan 2020) <http://www.ifrwh.com/gendered-work-gendered-struggles-womens-activism-at-the-work-place-in-long-term-and-comparative-perspective>

1 July 2018 CfP GLOBAL LABOR MIGRATION: PAST AND PRESENT promoted by the Global Labor Migration Network and the International Institute of Social History (Amsterdam, June 20-22, 2019) <https://go.umd.edu/xml>

1 October 2018 CfP WORKING WOMEN AND GENDERED LABOUR Special Issue of *Labour History. A Journal of Labour and Social History* promoted by the Australian Society for Labour History <http://www.labourhistory.org.au/journal/about/>

Finally, we would like to thank all of you who came to Paris for the lively and fruitful discussion.

Please note that this group is always open to new members and is happy to welcome people that have not been part of the discussions and activities so far. So please feel free to join in at any moment!

Best wishes,

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