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.

**CONFERENCE “NEW PERSPECTIVES IN FEMINIST LABOUR HISTORY: WORK AND ACTIVISM”, Bologna, 17-18 January 2019**

The two days conference “New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism” has taken place in the University of Bologna in Italy. The conference with the participation of around forty scholars, coorganised by the “Feminist Labour History” Working Group and the Società Italiana di Storia del Lavoro (Italian Society of Labour History, SISLav), had six sessions and two keynote speeches given by Eileen Boris (University of California, Santa-Barbara) and Susan Zimmermann (Central European University, Budapest). The conference was closed with an open meeting of the Working Group to discuss further plans.

**Third ELHN Conference, Amsterdam, 18-21 September 2019**

In the Third ELHN Conference in Amsterdam, a plenary Round Table on “Rethinking the triangle: the relationship between free, unfree and reproductive/subsistence labour” will be organized jointly by the Working Groups “Free/Unfree Labour” and “Feminist Labour History”.

Also, two panels will be jointly organized by the Working Groups “Feminist Labour History” and “Family Economy Labour”: The panel “Family labour in the long period. Gender roles, agency and boundaries” and the panel “Women in trade unions: obstacles, agency, resistance and personal constraints”.

The Working Group “Feminist Labour History” will organize also in Amsterdam a panel-workshop on “Publication Preparation Workshop for papers arising from the International Conference “New Perspectives in Feminist Labour History: Work and Activism”.

Some practical information are necessary for those of you, who will participate in the Third ELHN Conference in Amsterdam: The final-registration and payment for the conference is now open. The deadline for payment is **30 April 2019**. Your registration is only completed once the payment of the conference fee is made. After the payments, the local organizers will publish the final program in the second half of May 2019. See more information in the webpage of the Third ELHN Conference, here: [https://elhn.socialhistoryservices.org/](https://elhn.socialhistoryservices.org/).
PAST CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

On 6 and 7 December 2018, the Conference “Women, Worlds of Work and Citizenship – Different Views, Other Perspectives” took place at ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon. Organized by Professors Paulo Marques Alves and Virgínia Baptista, in a cooperation between DINÂMIA’CET-IUL and IHC-FCSH/UNL, 80 papers were presented by researchers from Portugal, Brazil, France and Chile, addressing topics such as the women in the labour market and women’s’ activism. The conference brought together researchers from a wide range of social sciences fields and had Professor Florence Rochefort as Keynote Speaker. An e-book with the proceedings of the conference will be edited this year.

On 22 March 2019, the Società italiana delle storiche (Italian Society of Women Historians), on the occasion of the recurrence of the Sacchi Law (1919), that allowed Italian women to administrate their goods and properties and to enter in many professional activities, organized a conference on the history of women’s work in late modern and modern age European cities. The conference “Il lavoro delle donne nelle città europee tra età moderna e contemporanea” (Women’s labour in European cities in modern and contemporary period) took place in Ateneo, Brescia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On 16th May 2019, the network MAGE (Marché du Travail et Genre) will hold an event at Sorbonne University in Paris (at 5 pm) devoted to the figure of Chantal Rogerat, chief editor of the CGT female journal “Antoinette” and fundamental figure of French feminism as well as workers’ movement, died one year ago.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GROUP


Nina Trige Andersen, “HRF København og de filippinske stuepiger: Fra ‘uvilje mod udlændinge’ til pionerer i migrantorganisering” (HRF Copenhagen and the Filipina Chambermaids: From 'aversion against foreigners' to pioneers in migrant organizing), Arbetarhistoria 3-4 (2018)


Anna Bellavitis, Beatrice Zucca Micheletto (eds.), Gender, law and economic well-being in Europe from the Fifteenth to the Nineteenth century: North versus South? (Routledge 2018).


Alessandra Pescarolo, Il lavoro delle donne nell’Italia contemporanea (Women’s labour in contemporary Italy) (Roma, Viella, 2019).


Laura Savelli, “Migrant Young Women between Protection and Promotion”, in S. Mazzone (ed.), Narrating the Migration Between Law, Politics, Economy (Bonanno Editori, 2018).

Database “Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires Since 1820”, edited by Kathryn Sklar and Thomas Dublin,
https://search.alexanderstreet.com/wasg

Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires since 1820 explores prominent themes in world history since 1820: conquest, colonization, settlement, resistance, and post-coloniality, as told through women’s voices. With a clear focus on bringing the voices of the colonized to the forefront, this highly-curated archive and database includes documents related to the Habsburg Empire, the Ottoman Empire, the British, French, Italian, Dutch, Russian, Japanese, and United States Empires, and settler societies in the United States, New Zealand and Australia.

There are rich clusters of original documents on Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe, all carrying keywords and English language abstracts. Susan Zimmermann served as Editor for the cluster “Habsburg Empire, 1820-1918”. An extensive Essay introduces this document cluster: Susan Zimmermann, Birgitta Bader-Zaar, Ágoston Berecz, Jitka Gelnarová, Alexandra Ghit, and Michaela Königshofer, “Women and Social Movements in the Habsburg Empire”, in Kathryn Kish Sklar, Thomas Dublin (eds.), Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires since 1820, Alexander Street Press 2018 [e-publication, 87 pages]
https://search.alexanderstreet.com/preview/work/bibliographic_entity|bibliographic_details|3890891)

CALLS FOR PAPERS & SESSIONS

https://esshc.socialhistory.org/esshc-leiden2020


https://anzlths.org/conferences-2/

1 October 2019 Call for Sessions: Nordic Labour History Conference 2020, Theme “Labouring Lives and Political Protest Across and Beyond the Nordic Countries”, 26-29 November 2020 The Workers Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark.
http://www.nordiclabourhistory.org/call-for-papers-nlh2020/

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We would like to thank all of you who came to Bologna for the lively and fruitful discussion. We hope that we will have soon some news on publications proposals.
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 circulate among your contacts and join in at any moment!

Best wishes,

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