

**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.

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 **30April 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/>

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 co-operation 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, “Organisering af filippinske stuepiger på københavnske hoteller 1980’erne til 2000’erne” (Organizing of Filipina Chambermaids at Copenhagen hotels 1980s-2000s), *Arbejderhistorie* 2 (2018)

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)

Nina Trige Andersenm “Filipinas at Copenhagen Hotels 1970s-1990s: The European ‘Guest Worker’ Era Revisited”, *Women, Gender & Research* 4 (2018), pp. 2-12.

Efi Avdela, Thomas W. Gallant, Nikolaos Papadogiannis, Leda Papastefanaki, Polymeris Voglis, “The study of Greece from the perspective of social history”, Virtual Round Table edited by Nikolaos Papadogiannis, *Social History* 43/1 (2018), pp. 105-125. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03071022.2018.1394037>

Virgínia Baptista, *Proteção e Direitos das Mulheres Trabalhadoras em Portugal, 1880-1943* (Protection and Rights of working women in Portugal (1880-1943) (Lisbon, ICS, 2016), ISBN 978-972-671-365-4.

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).

Marianne Cailloux, Françoise F. Laot & Anne Monjaret (eds.), « Femmes au travail : quelles archives visuelles ? » (Women at Work: which visual archives?), special issue of the journal *Images du travail/Travail des images*, no 6-7 (2019). <http://09.edel.univ-poitiers.fr/imagesdutavail/index.php?id=1763>

Ingrid Hayes, Magali Della Sudda (eds.), « L'engagement des femmes des classes populaires en France depuis 1945 », special issue of the journal *Le Mouvement Social* no 265/4 (2018). <http://www.lemouvementsocial.net/>

Françoise F. Laot, Claudie Solar (dir.), *Pionnières de l'éducation des adultes. Perspectives internationales* (Pioneering Women in Adult Education. Transnational perspectives), Préface Rebecca Rogers (L'Harmattan, collection Histoire et mémoire de la formation, 2018).

Alessandra Pescarolo, “Productive and reproductive Work: Uses and abuses of an Old Dichotomy”, in Raffaella Sarti, Anna Bellavitis & Manuela Martini (eds.), *What is Work? Gender at the Crossroads of Home, Family and Business from the Early Modern Era to the Present* (Berghahn 2018), pp. 114-138.

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

Leda Papastefanaki, “Salaires, division sexuée du travail et hiérarchies sociales dans l'industrie textile grecque, 1912-1936”, *Cahiers Balkaniques* 45 (2018), pp. 101-120. <http://journals.openedition.org/ceb/10949>

K. Pitarch, C. Villar & A. López-Gay, « Ser migrante en la Barcelona de 1930. La inmigración valenciana en el barrio de la Barceloneta » [Being migrant in Barcelona in 1930. Valencian immigration in the neighbourhood of la Barceloneta], *Pasado y Memoria* 17 (2018), pp. 259-299. <http://rua.ua.es/dspace/handle/10045/80647>

Raffaella Sarti, Anna Bellavitis & Manuela Martini (eds), *What is Work? Gender at the Crossroads of Home, Family and Business from the Early Modern Era to the Present* (Berghahn 2018). The Introduction is available online: https://www.berghahnbooks.com/downloads/intros/SartiWhat_intro.pdf

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

Susan Zimmerman, «Female agrarian workers in early twentieth-century Hungary. The making of class- and gender-based solidarities. Introduction to the source “My letter dated on this first day of June 1908. With respect to my fellow member Roza Svimmer (Rosika Schwimmer)” », *Aspasia. The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History*, 12 (2018), pp. 121–128.

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

15 April 2019, Call for Papers & Sessions: 13th European Social Science History Conference, 18-21 March 2020, Leiden, The Netherlands.

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

1 May 2019 Cfp: 2019 Australian Society for the Study of Labour History Conference Theme: “Activism, Struggle and Labour History”, 3 - 5 October 2019, Perth, Australia.

<https://www.labourhistory.org.au/2019-conference>

30 May 2019 Cfp: 38th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society, Theme: “Does Law's History Matter?”, 11-14 December 2019, Victoria University College of Law & Justice, Melbourne, Australia.

<https://anzlhs.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.nordiclbourhistory.org/call-for-papers-nlhc2020/>

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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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