

WORCK Newsletter N° 14

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Dear members of the COST Action WORCK,
dear colleagues interested in the study of labour and coercion,

we sincerely hope that you have had a wonderful start in 2023! The beginning of a new year is a good moment to reflect what has been achieved so far and what we would like to address in the forthcoming months and the remaining time of the COST funding.

The year 2022 has finally allowed us to fully profit from the idea of COST – a mobility programme meant to enable researchers to connect with their peers and share ideas across borders. Most of the bigger events in 2022 have taken place on-site with less and less participants on the screen. The working groups and editing teams have met for **writing workshop in Aix-en-Provence, Bonn, Vienna, Urbino and Istanbul** to discuss the various publication projects that have emerged from more than two years of virtual meetings, workshops, and conferences:

- a special issue at “Oesterreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften“ (OeZG) on „Work Semantics“ (eds. Claude Chevalyere/Juliane Schiel), accepted for publication and expected for summer 2023,
- a collected volume with De Gruyter entitled “To Move or Not to Move” (eds. Claudia Bernardi/Viola F. Müller/Biljana Stoojic/Vilhelm Vilhelmsson), accepted for publication and expected for summer 2023,
- a collected volume with UCL Press entitled “Coercion and Wage Labour. Exploring Work Relations through History and Art” (eds. Anamarija Batista/Viola F. Müller/Corinna Peres), accepted for publication and expected for summer 2023,
- a special issue at the “Scandinavian Journal of History” on “Labour and Coercion in the Nordic Region” (eds. Johan Heinsen/Vilhelm Vilhelmsson/Hanne Oesthus), accepted for publication and expected for summer 2023,
- a “Palgrave Handbook of Global Slavery” (eds. Damian Pargas/Juliane Schiel), in print, expected for spring 2023,
- a special issue at “Labour History” on “Making Trajectories and Sites of Labour Im/Mobility” (eds. Claudia Bernardi/Amal Shahid/Müge Telci Özbek), preparing for submission, expected for autumn 2023,
- a special issue at “Labour History” on “Gender, Coercion and War Labour” (eds. Anders Ahlbäck/Christine De Matos/Julia Heinemann/Fia Sundevall), preparing for submission, expected for end of 2023,
- a supplement at “Past&Present” on “Coercion at Work. Doing Social History after the Global Turn” (eds. Johan Heinsen/Juliane Schiel), preparing for submission, expected for 2024.

At the first **WORCK Training School in Warsaw**, hosted by Natalia Jarska, WORCK's working group leaders have discussed with master and doctoral students on methodological and conceptual questions in labour and social history and individual research proposals.

With 2023, we are now entering the final phase of our COST funding. As the COST Association has approved our request for a **funding extension until March 2024**, we will now use the remaining time to wrap up the discussion and think of ways forward for the time after WORCK. Three major events will help to reach these aims:

- (a) an **editors' meeting (25–26 May 2023, Aalborg)**, hosted by Johan Heinsen and gathering representatives of all WORCK publications to reflect on results and insights and identify cross-cutting issues,
- (b) a final **WORCK Conference (5–7 September 2023, Prague)**, hosted by Jakub Stofanik and entitled “Historicising Coercive Social Processes” (<https://worck.eu/conference-3-2023-prague/>),
- (c) another **WORCK Training School (12–15 February 2024, Bielefeld)**, hosted by Silke Schwandt and Tim Geelhaar and dedicated to the use of digital tools of analysis for social and labour history.

Important reminder: Please note that **the call for papers for the final WORCK Conference in Prague ends on 1 February 2023**, i.e. in two days! So if you would like to contribute an empirical paper on the history of coercive social processes, **don't miss the deadline!**

Furthermore, we would like to point to a fantastic **video produced by Nico Pizzolato** and other members of working group 2 **explaining the idea of sites and fields of coercion to a broader public**: <https://worck.eu/2022/11/25/sites-and-fields-of-coercion-working-group-2-introduces-itseld-video/>.

And last but not least, we are happy to announce that new calls for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) and Virtual Mobility Grants (VM) will be published soon.

With our best wishes for a joyful and rewarding year 2023!

Johan Heinsen and Juliane Schiel