



MEETING OF THE ELHN WORKING GROUP COORDINATORS

11 October 2023 online

Participants: Susan Zimmermann (Feminist Labour) , Christian de Vito (Labour and Coercion), Görkem Akgoz (Workplaces, Past and Present), Silke Neunsinger (Arctic and Indigenous Labour), Jenny Janson (Workers' Education), Eszter Varsa (Workers' Education), Sybille Marti (Precarious Labour), Donald Weber (Committee), Leda Papastefanaki (Committee), Sarah Bernard (Labour Migration History), Christine de Matos (Military Labour), Jose Joaquin Garcia Gomez (Labour in Mining), Philip Reich (Economic and Industrial Democracy), Stefan Moitra (Memory and Deindustrialization) , Justine Cousin (Labour and Empire) , Manuela Martini (Labour and Family Economy), Nicola Pizzolato (Workplaces, Past and Present), Sophia Friedel (Economic and Industrial Democracy) , Jordi Ibarz (Maritime Labour History), Sarah Lafuente (Economic and Industrial Democracy) Francesca Sanna (Labour in Mining), Sophia Friedel (Economic and Industrial Democracy) and Jacqueline Rutte (committee, minutes)

Excused: Matthias van Rossum (committee)

Chair: Leda Papastefanakis (online)

The meeting starts at 10.00 am

1. Opening/Minutes

Leda opens the meeting and welcomes all the participants. The previous meeting of the General Assembly was held in Gothenburg on 14 April 2023.
Eszter Varsa should be added as “present” in the minutes.

2. The ELHN conference 2024 in Uppsala

Silke informs the meeting that she received 42 session proposals by 12 working groups. She didn't receive anything from 8 working groups. Working groups that want to be part of the conference should send in their proposals this week. Silke needs to have the complete programme by next Wednesday in order to be in time to ask for funding. Silke will also apply for funding for commentators, please send commentators names to Silke asap.

Only 1 joint session proposal was sent in. She also received 5 papers by people who are not linked to any working group. A note must be written on the website to make more clear that all proposals should be sent to working groups.

It is depending on funding if food can be provided during the conference. Silke has to pay for the use of the conference rooms. At this moment the Swedish crown currency rate is low, which is in our favour.

Next week Silke will be busy with preparations. After October 25th more information will be sent to the working groups. Every working group will have 4 slots. Working groups can

communicate between them to see if some papers they received could fit in with other groups.

Susan proposes a cross working group session. Silke replies that that is difficult to organize due to the lack of space, an extra plenary session means less space for other sessions.

4 plenaries are needed: Opening, keynote, public event and GA meeting.

Leda, Sara and Manuela like Susan's idea, it could also be a joint book presentation. Silke will think about that idea and asks for a proposal by the end of this week.

Sara Bernard adds that she would like a page on the website with recent publications. Sara Lafuente suggests a book exhibit instead of a plenary session. Silke will look into this idea and contact publishers and ESSHC, the idea also depends on the costs.

Time schedule now is:

Friday October 13th deadline for session proposals

Friday October 20th deadline for sending names of commentators to Silke.

After October 25th Silke informs working groups about the acceptance and numbers of their sessions.

Loose papers will be sent round to see if they can be fitted in with working groups.

To be discussed during the GA meeting in Uppsala is the conference of 2026, please send in your ideas to Silke. There is no funding available to organize a next conference, however the conference fees cover a large part of the conference. This leaves that the organizers will have to find additional funding themselves.

3. Network

Voting procedure

The nomination committee (Görkem, Tibor and Christian) sent a document about the voting procedures.

Sara asks if the chair must also organize the next conference? It is better to keep that task away from the chair. The network committee works already closely together with the conference organizers.

Do we have a form to nominate someone as chair? No there is no form.

The meeting decides that every working group will send 1 email to Jacqueline with their vote. This must be done 3 weeks prior to the GA when the voting is held. Jacqueline will collect the emails.

Other activities

Donald asks the meeting to inform him about their activities and news so that he can feed the contents on the website. That is the most important medium to keep the network alive

Christian informs the meeting that the Labour and Coercion working group are still with Work/Cost <https://socialhistoryportal.org/elhn/wg-coercion>

4. Working Groups

Nicola and Görkem (workplace past and present)

They are busy with their digital platform with exhibitions. They have made the 4th edition of their podcast series and they are busy applying for funding.

Sophia ((economic and industrial democracy)

They are a new working group and happy to be part of the network. They are looking forward to meeting all of us in Uppsala.

Jordi (Maritime labour)

The working group has not been very active apart from organizing for the Uppsala conference. They will publish a book about dockworkers in Spain and Latin America.

Manuela (family and labour economy)

They will attend a conference in September 2024. They are working on small industries. Members are combining their own activities with the working group activities. They have a website <https://lfe.hypotheses.org/> They are planning to renew the staff of the working group after the Uppsala conference.

Sybille (precarious labour)

They are a new group and are trying to set up and expand their group. They are looking forward to the Uppsala conference.

Justine (labour and empire)

Justine stands in for the other working group members. They are preparing 4 panels for the Uppsala conference. They will attend a conference in Bristol in June 2024.

Stephan (memory and industrial)

They went to Bologna last year and had a joint session with the Labour and Mining workgroup and the Central East Europe workgroup. From that they are now planning a collective volume. They are preparing for Uppsala together with Central East Europe working group.

Sara (labour and migration)

They are busy preparing for Uppsala

Christine (military)

they are writing a newsletter, are working on an edited collection. She will soon send all the info to Donald to be put on the website.

Francesca (labour and mining)

They are busy preparing for Uppsala and also other conferences. They are also working on a new publication.

Eszter (feminist)

Busy preparing for Uppsala

5. Any Other Issues

All communication can be send to elhn@iisg.nl.

Please send all news about publications/events ect to Donald so he can put everything on the website. Updates on your pages are also possible.

6. Next meeting

The next GA meeting will take place during the Uppsala conference. Exact date/time/location will follow later.