



MEETING OF THE ELHN General Assembly

13 June 2024 Uppsala

Participants: Many in person and online

Chair: Leda Papastefanaki

The meeting starts at 16:00.

1. Opening

Leda Papastefanaki opens the meeting and welcomes all the participants. She is happy to see so many participants (246 in total, onsite 194, online 52) at the 5th ELHN conference in Uppsala and she thanks all those who made this conference possible: the Economic History Department of the Uppsala University and the Swedish Labour Movements Archives and Library (ARBARK); especially Silke Neunsinger, Jonas Söderqvist and Jenny Jansson for their wonderful job in organizing the conference. Leda thanks especially Jonas Söderqvist, who is the man behind everything in the conference.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last coordinators meeting (October 2023) are accepted.

3. Election

Görkem Akgöz speaks on behalf of the election committee. Tibor Valuch and Christian Wicke are her co-members.

Görkem stresses that there are 2 important dates. The first one is the deadline for the votes on July 14th and the second date is the start of the new committee on August 1st.

All working groups have 1 vote per group. Voting blanco is also possible. Votes must be sent by email on July 14th at the latest to Jacqueline (Jacqueline.rutte@bb.huc.knaw.nl)

Leda Papastefanaki wants to apply for her second term of chair of the network. She has been a member of the ELHN since 2013 and she coordinated 3 working groups, she specializes in female labour.

Rosa Kösters is applying for vice-chair. Rosa is a phd student based at the IISH where she coordinates the Global Labour Conflicts project. Rosa assisted in organizing the ELHN Amsterdam conference in 2019 and she is coordinator of the 'Precarious Labour' Working Group.

4. Working Groups updates/activities

The working group Labour and Coercion

They have elected new coordinators; Teresa Petrik, Johan Heinsen, Olimpia Capitano and Vilhelm Vilhelmson.

Working group Labour and Family

They have new coordinators: Anne Montenach, Aix-Marseille University, Céline Mutos-Xicola, Girona University and Beatrice Zucca-Micheletto, University of Turin.

Working Group Feminist Labour History

Susan Zimmermann stepped down from this working group and is replaced by Natalia Jarska.

Working Group Industrial Democracy

The coordinators for this working group are now Sophia Friedel, Philipp Reick, Sara Lafuente Hernandez and Julio Perez Serrano

Working Group Labour and Empire

The coordinators now are Justine Cousin and Lorenzo Costaguta. Yann Beliard stepped down. They are looking for a new coordinator.

Working Group Military Labour

Their coordinators are Jeongmin Kim, Olli Siitonen, Christine De Matos and Alexandros Touloumtzidis.

5. Next ELHN Conference

The next conference will be held in Barcelona. Cristina Borderias and Lorenzo Allos are willing to organize the conference in the University of Barcelona, the Faculty of Geography and History. Barcelona is easily reachable. The conference will be held in either June or September 2026. The computer platform that was used for the organization of this Uppsala conference is no longer available, so the Barcelona organizers will have to buy an alternative programme. The newly needed platform plus the rising prices in Barcelona will mean that the conference fees will be more expensive. Barcelona will also look for external funding. The meeting accepts the proposal for the next conference. The organizers will inform us about the exact dates asap.

Matthias expresses his thanks to the organizers of the Uppsala conference.

6. Network activities between conferences

Leda would like to have more joint sessions in the next conference. She also would like more cooperation between the working groups.

Christine de Mattos is pleased with the discussions during this conference and wishes to continue this. Collaboration outside the conference is favourable. She has a book project going and she will start 3 new projects.

The working group 'Labour migration' is also in favour of more cooperation. They organize 2 meetings a year during which participants can do project proposals.

The working group 'Workplaces: pasts and presents' are working on a special issue and they are still making pod casts. They have an article in the IRSH about digital labour. They are busy with a roundtable and discussions on space and scale. Gökem asks of the other working groups to contact her when they are talking about workplaces.

The working group 'Labour in mining' (Francesca Sanna) want to publish a special issue of this conference. They organized a roundtable about a newly published book by one of their members.

The working group 'Feminist labour' want to prepare a special issue for the Journal of Labour History in 2026. They will soon send out a call. They will participate in a conference in Warsaw/Poland in 2026 and they are working to improve their newsletter.

The working group 'Memory and industrialization' are in favour of more cooperation with other working groups. They are planning a few publications. They express their gratitude for this well-organized Uppsala conference.

The working group 'Worker's education' participated in 2 successful sessions this conference. They are also working on a book and a workshop for the Barcelona conference

The working group 'Precarious labour' attended for the first time an ELHN conference. They took the opportunity to get in touch with other working groups and had good discussions. They will determine the theme's for the next conference and they are open to any suggestions for events.

Donald stresses the importance of the social history portal website. Please do send him all your news on publications, workshops etc. The website has 3000 members and a large impact. Donald asks all the working to check their pages, some of them are outdated. The portal is part of IALHI and they have budget to improve/renew the website, hopefully this project will be finished in time for the Barcelona workshop.

Please do send your website input to Donald

7. Any other issues

none

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be an online meeting sometime in January 2025. Exact date will follow later. Those present at this meeting who want to attend this meeting should join a working group, they will receive invitations via the working group.