



MEETING OF THE ELHN General Assembly

28 January 2025 Online

Participants: Stefan Moitra (Memory and Deindustrialization), Thomas van Galen (Labour and empire), Jenny Janson and Jonas Soderqvist (Worker's Education), Jose Joaquin Garcia Gomez (Labour in Mining), Céline Mutos-Xicola (Labour in Mining), Beatrice Zucca-Micheletto (Labour and Family Economy), Eszter Varsa (Feminist Labour History), Leda Papastefanaki (Network Committee), Christine de Matos (Military Labour), Teresa Petrik (Labour and Coercion), Sara Bernard (Labour Migration History), Sophia Friedel (Economic Industrial Democracy), Donald Weber (Network committee), Llorenç Ferrer Alos, Christina Borderias (2026 conference organizers), Rosa Kösters (Precarious Labour, Network Committee) and Jacqueline Rutte (Network committee)

Chair: Leda Papastefanaki

1. Opening

Leda opens the meeting, the first one after the Uppsala conference. Rosa Kösters is the new vice-chair. Matthias van Rossum stepped down after his second period. Leda is chair for the 2nd and last time. Thank you nomination committee for your work (Görkem Akgöz, Tibor Valuch, Christian Wicke). Donald Weber and Jacqueline Rutte are permanent members of the Network Committee.

2. Minutes

Correct the spelling of Christine de Matos' name on page 2.

3. Next Conference

The next conference will take place in Barcelona 16-19 June 2026. The Barcelona organizers sent a provisional plan. They are also working on the website and email address for the conference, they hope it will be operational in a few days. The conference is being organized by the University of Barcelona (TIG) and the Spanish Network of Labor History. The aim is attendance in person, as little online as possible. On the second floor there are 17 classrooms available with 24-87 seats, and there are 2 large rooms for plenary meetings and key notes. Each working group can organize 6 sessions max, a total of 120 sessions. There will be book stalls on the second floor. They will organize an official reception. Participants can have lunch in the cafeteria of the university (reservations needed) or they can go in the neighbourhood. The organizers try to arrange cheap (free) accommodation for students. One keynote speaker will be Paula Rodriguez Modrono from the Universidad de Olavide, Sevilla. There might be another key note (not sure yet). They will organize excursions (walks in the city) and a bus tour on June 19th.

The proposed fee for the conference is (lunches not included)

180 euro (regular)

150 euro (early bird)

120 euro (student fee or participants without institutional affiliation)

100 euro (student early bird)

coffee and reception are included in the fees.

The conference will not be hybrid, for people with limited finances the organizers try to find free accommodation. The working groups can make a request for online participation by panellist from the global South (note: this is for speakers only, not for listeners).

More information about the conference will follow soon.

4. **Working Groups updates/activities**

Labour Migration History have a new coordinator Nadia Latif.

Feminist Labour History will send 2 calls with proposals for the Barcelona conference and for a conference in Warsaw. They are also working on a special issue for the journal Labour history.

Labour and Empire have 2 new coordinators Nicki Kindersly and Thomas van Gaalen.

Military Labour Christina de Matos edited a new book that will be published by Palgrave before the conference. Book launch at Barcelona?

Labour and Family Economy Celine announces a new publication about households and budgets. They will go to a conference in Tokio and they are busy preparing sessions for the Barcelona conference.

Labour and Empire Lorenzo announces the publication of 2 special issues in 2025 and they will organize a round table on February 25.

5. **Any other issues**

Eszter is it possible to organize joint session for the Barcelona conference. Yes, definitely, but the working groups must coordinate that among themselves.

Sara is there a limit to the number of joint panels? Leda will think about this and respond soon.

Donald asks all to send him their activities and their calls for papers for the Barcelona conference so that he can publish everything on the website.

Leda more news about the conference will be sent. Please think about joint sessions.

6. **Next meeting**

19 May, 10 AM online