



Women at work in a factory workshop, s.l., 1950s

Feminist Labour History

Working Group

in **Barcelona**

European Labour History Network (ELHN)
Conference, June 16-19, 2026
Universitat de Barcelona

P R O G R A M M E

Joint panel with Workers' Education WG

Educating Women Workers. Feminist Perspectives on Workers' Education

Tuesday 16, 15:00-16:45, Room 209 – Chair: Jonas Söderqvist

- Deirdre Raftery** “Labor training for independence and survival: all-female spaces for Irish girls and women in the long nineteenth-century”
- Mato Bošnjak** “Hope and Despair: Female workers’ professional status in the Yugoslav industry”
- Eloisa Betti**, Understanding the reproduction of gender inequality in workplaces through oral history: Italian women's life experiences in technical schools and male dominated spaces of work since the 1960s.
- Françoise F. Laot**, Back to work: women's retraining as a space where to learn about the gender division of labour (sixties and seventies France)

Joint Panel with Migration WG

Women's Migration and Shifting Boundaries of Productive/Reproductive Work

Thursday 18, 8:30-10:00, Room 220

- Kuźma-Markowska Sylwia**, “My mother never worked:” Polish immigrant women’s labors in the early twentieth-century United States
- Latif Nadia**, “My Wife Did Not Work!” Precarity and the extraction of reproductive labour connecting Beirut and Burj al-Barajneh refugee camp (1950s-1960s)
- Morosan Ioana**, « Ah, combien notre amour maternel est imparfait ici bas ! » - Women's Unseen Work and Revolutionary Motherhood in 1848
- Kristín Svava Tómasdóttir**, The female domestic servant as a subject of moral regulation in urban Iceland

Joint panel with Labour and Empire WG

Histories of Imperial Domesticity – Experiences of Domestic Workers in the British, Dutch and French Empires

Thursday 18, 12:00-13:30, Room 209 - Chair: Mònica Gines-Blasi

- Victoria K. Haskins**, Spaces of Autonomy, Spaces of Control: The Making of the Ayahs' Home in Imperial London
- Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk**, Care and Coercion. Patriarchy, (Forced) Labour and Caregiving in the Household in the Dutch Empire, c. 1750-Present
- Stéphanie Soubrier**, “I have the honour to lodge a complaint against my boy”: Indochinese houseboys' labor within colonial households, 1899-1930s
- Branerjee Swampa**, Deposits and Redemption: The British East India Company and the Managing of Traveling Ayahs (1790s-1850s)

Feminist Labour History (WG4) Meeting

Tuesday 16, 12:30-13:30, Room 222

Feminist Labour History WG panels

Gender, Class and Work in Particularly Demanding and Hostile Spaces

Tuesday 16, 15:00-16:45, Room 204 - Chair: Natalia Jarska

Liliosa Azara, A space to fight, equally. The difficult path of women in Italy's Armed Forces and Police

Justine Cousin Gendered perspectives on Titanic stewardesses: "sea life was not the setting for a normal woman"

Marta Pawlińska "The Worst Piece of Bread Is to Be a Servant"? Polish Women in Forced Domestic Labour During the Second World War: A Class Perspective

Gender and Activism as Work(place)

Wednesday 17, 8:30-10:00, Room 222 - Chair: Eszter Varsa

Rose Feinte, Invisible Spaces of Solidarity: The Reproductive Labour of Strikers' Wives in French Social Movements (1963–2023)

Aynur Ozugurlu, Burcu Saka, The Politics of Social Reproduction in Gecekondu Neighbourhoods: Revolutionary Women in 1970s Turkey

Rachel Pierce, Martin Öhman, The gendered labor of movements: 1968 in Gothenburg

Alla Shvets, The Activities of the Women's Cooperative "Trud" (1901–1944) as a Local Experience of Networking, Socialization, and Feminine Agency in Galicia

Biographical Perspectives and Spaces of Work

Wednesday 17, 10:30-12:00, Room 222 – Chair: Eloisa Betti

Sára Bagdi "Am I rehearsing? Hell no!" The internal labor division of an early twentieth century working-class household that nested the Hungarian avant-garde movement

Maria Tamboukou, Spatio-Temporal Rhythms of a Woman Worker and Labour Activist: Rose Pesotta

Georgia-Taygeti Katakou, Gendered Labour and Comradely Intimacies in the Greek Left (1974-1989)

Gender Segregation and Stereotypes in Workplaces

Wednesday 17, 15:00-16:45, Room 204 - Chair: Françoise F. Laot

Anusheh Bakht Aziz, The "Mill Girl" Phenomenon in the Global Textile and Apparel Industry: Uses and Functions of a form of Labour Organization

Xavier Jou-Badal, Gendered Labour Hierarchies and Mobility in the Chocolate Factory. Barcelona, 1910–1936

Alba Masramon Cruzate, Care work in the City Council of Barcelona: women, labour, gender and urban spaces

Book Launch "Women's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond: A New Transnational History"

Thursday 18, 8:30-10:00, Room 206, Organizers: Eszter Varsa & Susan Zimmermann, Chair: Natalia Jarska

Contested Spaces of the Home: Tensions Between Reproductive and Productive Intellectual Work

Thursday 18, 15:00-16h45, Room 203 – Chair Natalia Jarska

Kate Reed, A Woman Who Calls Herself a Worker: The Contested Labors of the Conjugal Home (Mexico, 1928-1960)

Fanny Gallot, Maternity and Professional Unionism from the 1960s to the Late 1970s: The Case of the CGT

Eileen Boris, The Home as a Space of Struggle

Nora Küttel, Labor, Gender, and Memory in the Transformation of East and West German Shipyards