

14.30 – 16.30
Varieties of women's work-place
related activism

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Karin Pallaver
University of Bologna

Thanasis Betas // University of Thessaly / Volos
"In order to safeguard the lives of our children and families..."
*Resistance and protest of female workers in the field of the Greek
tobacco industry, 1945-1970*

Romain Castellesi // University of Bourgogne / Dijon
The gender of Salamander's mobilisation in 1973
(Romans-sur-Isère, France)

Nausheen Quayyum // York University / Toronto
*Organizing and Being Organized: Women Workers in Bangladesh's
Garment Industry and the Building of an Infrastructure of Dissent*

Mamatha Gandham // Ambedkar University / Delhi
*Ten-Day Relay Hunger Strike of Anganwadi Workers: A Milestone in the
History of Collective Action of Women Workers*

Julie Guard // University of Manitoba / Winnipeg
"We realize how important it is to have the wives behind us": Women,
Community Unionism, and the 2009-10 Sudbury Miners' Strike

16.30 - 16.45 Coffee break
16.45 - 18.15 Feminist Labour History WG Meeting
18.15 - 18.45 Concluding discussion

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New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism

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THU 17th JAN

9.00 – 10.00
Welcome address and
introduction to the conference

Paolo Capuzzo
Director Department of History and Cultures
University of Bologna
Andrea Caracausi
President Italian Association of Labour History
University of Padua
Gianni Rosas
Director, ILO Office for Italy and San Marino
Eloisa Betti / Marica Tolomelli
University of Bologna
Introduction

10.00 – 10.45
Keynote speech **Eileen Boris**
University of California / Santa-Barbara
Reproduction as Production: Beyond Dichotomy

11.00-13.00
Women in typically male
occupations and the gendered
division of labour in society

Chair
Leda Papastefanaki
University of Ioannina

Liliosa Azara // Roma Tre University
*Women between work and family in Sardinian mining communities
(XIX and XX century)*

Ajayi Abiodun // Adeyemi College of Education / Ondo
*Entrepreneurs, agents and stakeholders in the commercial sector of
Osun division, western Nigeria*

Natalia Jarska // Polish Academy of Science
Women as technicians and engineers in state-socialist Poland

Diane Kirkby // La Trobe University / Melbourne
Emma Robertson // La Trobe University / Melbourne
Katie Wood // La Trobe University / Melbourne
*Women workers in the trades challenge gender traditions in the
Australian and British workplace*

Georgia Rina // University of Macedonia
*Gender doesn't matter! An ethnography of female entrepreneurship in
the contemporary Greece*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 16.00
Building Women's
Networks – Action repertoires and
Ideas Circulation

Chair
Raffaella Baritono
University of Bologna

Marco Caligari // Independent Researcher
*The household, the strike and the female international networks: the
Women and the ship repair workers' strike (Genoa,1955)*

Laura Savelli // University of Pisa
*The bread and the roses. The first feminism and the femaleworkers. The
Italian case*

Françoise F. Laot // University of Reims Champagne / Ardenne
*The circulation of activist ideas across borders and directly to the homes.
Training for women's (re)work on French TV in the sixties*

Ragnheiður Kristjánsdóttir // University of Iceland
Silke Neunsinger // Swedish Labour Movements Archives
*A translocal approach to the study of the struggles for equal remuneration:
Iceland, India and South Africa*

Virgínia Baptista // New University of Lisbon
*Women in the mutual societies – since the end of the nineteenth century
to the thirties*

16.15– 18.00
Women's movements and
women workers' rights

Chair
Marica Tolomelli
University of Bologna

Isidora Grubački // Central European University / Budapest
*Women Activists' Relation to Peasant Women's Work: Two Cases from
Yugoslavia in the 1930s*

Beatrice Busi // University of Venice
Sabrina Marchetti // University of Venice
The political organization of paid domestic workers in Italy (1946-1974)

Elizabeth Faue // Wayne State University / Detroit
*Work and the Injured Body Politic: Health, Gender, and Workplace
Democracy in the United States*

Judit Acsady // Hungarian Academy of Sciences
*Women wage labourers' working conditions. Collective action and social
solidarity at the turn of the century in Hungary*

18.00-18.30 Concluding discussion

FRI 18th JAN

9.00 – 9.45
Keynote speech **Susan Zimmermann**
Central European University / Budapest
Women workers' organizing in global perspective

9.45.-11.30
Productive and reproductive labour
between austerity, precarity and
migration

Chair
Paola Rudan
University of Bologna

Maya John // University of Delhi
*One Day in the Life of Johra Bibi: A History of Migration, Precarity and
Resistance by Women Domestic Workers*

Leda Sutlović // University of Vienna
*Social Reproduction in Times of Austerity – Transformations of Equality
Policies in Yugoslavia*

Sigrid Vertommen // King's College London
Camille Barbagallo // Keele University / Leeds University
*The Invisible Wombs of the Market: Waged and unwaged reproductive
labour under global capitalism*

Maria Tamboukou // University of East London
Working women on the move: reconsidering nomadism in dark times

Alessandra Pescarolo // Società Italiana delle Storiche
*The concept of reproductive labor since Marx to feminism thought:
meaning and misunderstandings*

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 13.30
Women and Trade Unions

Chair
Eloisa Betti
University of Bologna

Paulo Marques Alves // ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon
*From exclusion to underrepresentation: women and the trade union
movement in Portugal*

Shobhana Warriar // Delhi University
Trade unions and women worker, 1914-1951 colonial Tamil Nadu

Elena Musiani // University of Bologna
*Biographies of leading female trade unionists in Emilia Romagna
between the 19th and the 20th century*

Debora Migliucci // Archivio del Lavoro / Milan
*Trade Union's women and their biographies – The case study of
Camera del Lavoro in Milan (1945-1965)*

Anna Frisone // Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
*Trade union feminism in Lyon: 1970s commissions-femmes as sites
of resistance and well-being*

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