



Meeting of the ITH board



Linz Conference 1973: The two ITH co-founders, Rudolf Neck and Herbert Steiner, with Eric Hobsbawm



25th anniversary 1989 in Linz

ITH Executive:

The ITH Board consists of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, the Treasurer as well as the Board of Trustees. Outstanding personalities of the international scientific community are represented in the International Scientific Committee and the Honorary Committee.

ITH Membership:

The ITH was founded as an organisation of member institutions. Membership is open to all research organisations and institutions focussing on the history of labour, labourers and social movements. The annual membership fee for institutions amounts to EUR 360,-.

ITH membership allows for: participation at the ITH conferences on a reduced fee (including accommodation, meals and conference materials); co-decision on the topics and the programme of these conferences; attendance and voting rights in the ITH General Assembly; free copy of the ITH Conference Proceedings; active participation in the global ITH network.

Also individuals can join the ITH: membership is possible for a 3-year period; the membership fee for this period amounts to EUR 110,-. Individual members can participate at the conferences on a reduced fee.

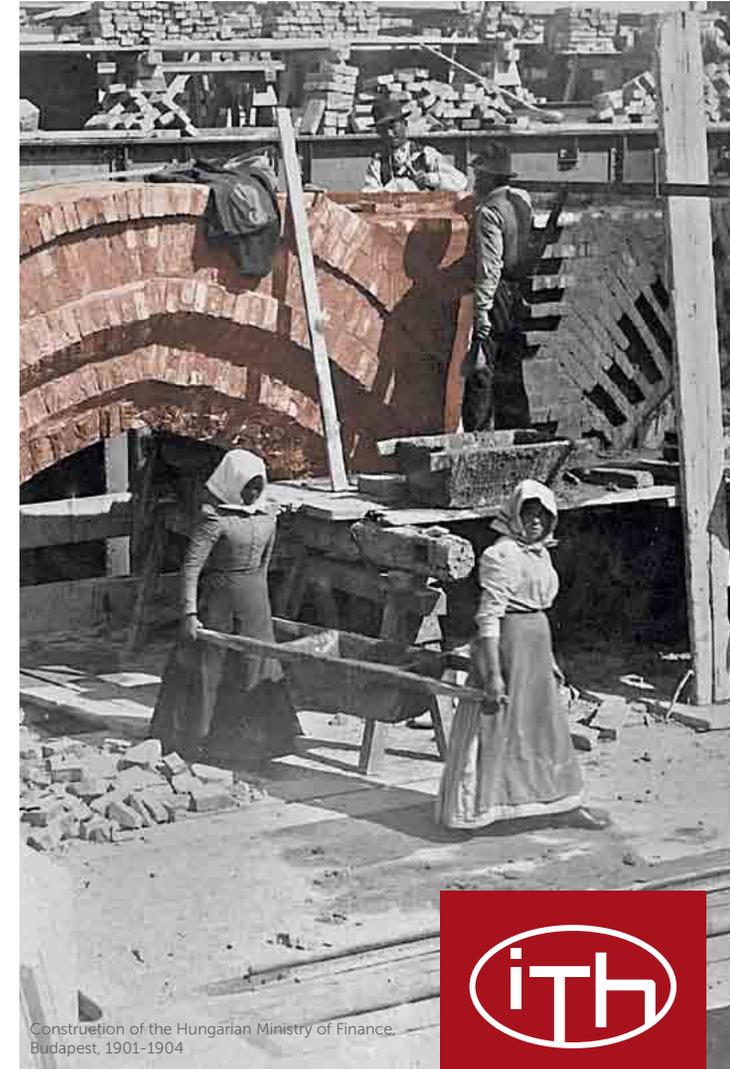
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International Conference of Labour and Social History

Internationale Tagung der HistorikerInnen der Arbeiter- und anderer sozialer Bewegungen

Conférence internationale d'histoire ouvrière et sociale



Construction of the Hungarian Ministry of Finance, Budapest, 1901-1904



What is the ITH?

The *International Conference of Labour and Social History* is an international network of research institutions and historians concerned with the history of labour relations, labourers and labour and other social movements. Currently about 100 member institutions from five continents are associated with the ITH. The ITH is one of the worldwide most important forums of *labour history*.

History:

Founded in Vienna (Austria) in 1964, the ITH became especially known for the organisation of the annual "Linz Conference". Originally the conference predominantly served as a platform of dialogue between the "Western" and "Eastern" scientific communities of labour historians.

The ITH today: Transnational and global perspectives, inclusive research approach

Since the 1990's the ITH has undergone a repositioning: Labour history is increasingly discussed as part of social history, transnational history and global history. Labour history is developing a broadened view on "labour" including non-formalized labour relations, domestic and care work as well as coerced forms of labour. It is likewise asking how "class" was historically linked to other dimensions of inequality.

On this basis a close and permanent cooperation between different European partner institutions could be established and the contextual framework could be enlarged beyond Europe. The ITH's inherited bridging function between "East" and "West" was extended by a "North-South" scientific dialogue taking up the impulses of the emerging labour history of the Global South. The ITH has turned into a transnational community of social historians focussing on the history of labour, labour history and the history of social movements. It favours a global and inclusive approach to this history and transnational research topics.

Following its tradition of cooperating with organisations of the labour movement, the ITH likewise puts emphasis on the conveyance of research outside the academic research community itself. A permanent and significant cooperation for the ITH's continuity particularly exists with different *Chambers of Labour* in Austria. The *Department of Economic and Social History* of the University of Vienna, the *Friedrich Ebert Foundation* (Bonn) and the *International Institute of Social History* (Amsterdam) are further important partner institutions.



*Venue (AK OÖ, Jägermayrhof)
and participants of the Linz Conference*

ITH Activities:

▲ The ITH annually plans and organizes international scientific conferences. These conferences mostly take place in Linz (Upper Austria), where the ITH is hosted by the *Chamber of Labour Upper Austria* (AK OÖ). International contributors speak on different topics every year. The conference outcomes are published timely.

In the last years the ITH has always grouped various conferences into thematic cycles: from 2007-2009 the topical framework was "Labour History beyond Borders / Grenzüber-

and developments including migration, war, revolution and global commodity chains.

- ▲ The ITH organizes scientific meetings and events in cooperation with other Austrian or international institutions in between the regular annual conferences.
- ▲ The ITH serves as a global network in the field of the history of labour, labourers and social movements. Besides the website (www.ith.or.at), regular newsletters informing about news, conferences and plans of the member institutions are published.
- ▲ The ITH is funding research by awarding scientific prizes. The René Kuczynski Prize is awarded for outstanding publications in the field of social and economic history; the Herbert Steiner Prize is awarded for the support of scientists in the research fields of resistance/persecution/exile in the time of fascism and Nazi-rule and labour history in cooperation with the *Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance (DÖW)*.



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