



17-18, January 2019

International conference

New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism

Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna

Aula Prodi, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte 2, Bologna

17 January

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)

Eloisa Betti (University of Bologna), **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/Discussant: **Leda Papastefanaki** (University of Ioannina)

1. **Liliosa Azara** (Roma Tre University), *Women between work and family in Sardinian mining communities (XIX and XX century)*
2. **Ajayi Abiodun** (Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo), *Entrepreneurs, agents and stakeholders in the commercial sector of Osun division, western Nigeria*
3. **Natalia Jarska** (Polish Academy of Science), *Women as technicians and engineers in state-socialist Poland*
4. **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*
5. **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/Discussant: **Raffaella Baritono** (University of Bologna)

1. **Marco Caligari** (Independent Researcher), *The household, the strike and the female international networks: the Women and the ship repair workers’ strike (Genoa, 1955)*
2. **Laura Savelli** (University of Pisa), *The bread and the roses. The first feminism and the femaleworkers. The Italian case*
3. **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*
4. **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*
5. **Virgínia Baptista** (New University of Lisbon), *Women in the mutual societies – since the end of the nineteenth century to the thirties*



16.00 – 16.15 **Coffee break**

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

Chair/Discussant: **Marica Tolomelli** (University of Bologna)

1. **Isidora Grubački** (Central European University, Budapest), *Women Activists' Relation to Peasant Women's Work: Two Cases from Yugoslavia in the 1930s*
2. **Beatrice Busi** (University of Venice), Sabrina Marchetti (University of Venice), *The political organization of paid domestic workers in Italy (1946-1974)*
3. **Elizabeth Faue** (Wayne State University, Detroit), *Work and the Injured Body Politic: Health, Gender, and Workplace Democracy in the United States*
4. **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**

18 January

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/discussant: Paola Rudan (University of Bologna)

1. **Maya John** (University of Delhi), *One Day in the Life of Johra Bibi: A History of Migration, Precarity and Resistance by Women Domestic Workers*
2. **Leda Sutlović** (University of Vienna), *Social Reproduction in Times of Austerity – Transformations of Equality Policies in Yugoslavia*
3. **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*
4. **Maria Tamboukou** (University of East London), *Working women on the move: reconsidering nomadism in dark times*
5. **Alessandra Pescarolo** (Società Italiana delle Storiche), *Productive work in the economic theories (XVIII - XIX century)*

11.30-11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45 – 13.30 **Women and Trade Unions**

Chair/Discussant: Eloisa Betti (University of Bologna)

1. **Paulo Marques Alves** (ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon), *From exclusion to underrepresentation: women and the trade union movement in Portugal*
2. **Shobhana Warriar** (Delhi University), *Trade unions and women worker, 1914-1951 colonial Tamil Nadu*
3. **Elena Musiani** (University of Bologna), *Biographies of leading female trade unionists in Emilia Romagna between the 19th and the 20th century*



4. **Debora Migliucci** (Archivio del Lavoro, Milan), *Trade Union's women and their biographies – The case study of Camera del Lavoro in Milan (1945-1965)*
5. **Anna Frisone** (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), *Trade union feminism in Lyon: 1970s commissions-femmes as sites of resistance and well-being*

13.30 – 14.30 **Lunch break**

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

Chair/Discussant: **Karin Pallaver** (University of Bologna)

1. **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*
2. **Romain Castellesi** (University of Bourgogne, Dijon), *The gender of Salamander's mobilisation in 1973 (Romans-sur-Isère, France)*
3. **Nausheen Quayyum** (York University, Toronto), *Organizing and Being Organized: Women Workers in Bangladesh's Garment Industry and the Building of an Infrastructure of Dissent*
4. **Mamatha Gandham** (Ambedkar University Delhi), *Ten-Day Relay Hunger Strike of Anganwadi Workers: A Milestone in the History of Collective Action of Women Workers*
5. **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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