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Call for papers

International conference

New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism

Bologna, 17-18 January 2019

The two-days conference called by the EHLN working group “Feminist Labour History” and the SISLAV working group “Gender and Labour”, supported by the Department of History and Cultures at Bologna University, explores new perspectives in gendered labour history as arising in Europe and around the world since the beginning of the 21st century. The conference builds on and moves forward the debates on and within feminist labour history which took place during the Turin (2015) and Paris (2017) conferences of the ELHN, with the aim of including selected papers in prospective book projects.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to the theme *work and gender in context*, and addresses two large research contexts: 1) the variety of forms of work, waged and unwaged, emerging in different historical periods and places in formal as well as informal economies, and in occupations traditionally connoted as male or female ; 2) the impact of socio-economic transformations at the crossroads of the productive and reproductive spheres. Topics include (but are not limited) to the following:

- precarious, informal, subsistence work
- gender in typically male occupations or branches
- gender and deindustrialization
- the home/household/work nexus

The second day will be devoted to the theme *women’s workers organizing*, and addresses two large research contexts: 1) forms of labour-related collective action in different circumstances, time and spaces; 2) the role of individual women and the women’s movement in addressing workers’ rights from a gender perspective. Topics include (but are not limited) to the following:

- biographies and digital humanities
- varieties of work-place related activism
- women and trade unions
- women’s movements and women workers’ rights

Deadline for submissions:

The deadline is **July 10th, 2018**. The outcome of the selection will be communicated by **August 1, 2018** and the programme will be published by **September 15, 2018**.

Full papers (6000-7000 words) are due by **December 15th**.



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How to apply:

Please send a 500-word abstract and a short academic CV (max 500 word) to feministlabourhistory2019@gmail.com. The proposal should include name, surname, current affiliation and contact details of the proponent. The subject of the email needs to be: "New perspectives in feminist labour history". For additional information: eloisabetti@gmail.com

Location:

The conference will take place on **January 17 - 18, 2019**, hosted by the Department of History and Cultures of the University of Bologna (Bologna, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte 2).

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