



**SISLAV**  
**SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI STORIA DEL LAVORO**  
**(Italian Society of Labour History)**

**International Conference**

**Wars, Labour**  
**Europe 1914-1945**

(Reggio Emilia, 2016, May 25-27)

The Italian Society of Labour History (SISLAV, <http://www.storialavoro.it>) organizes an international conference on labour during the two World Wars, under the heading ***Wars, Labour. Europe 1914-45***. Its primary aim is to promote a comparative outlook, in order to encompass both world conflicts: the studies in each of the two wars have fostered highly specialized researches, producing a bulk of knowledge, data and interpretations which remain largely disjointed and need to be put into contact. An historical analysis in cross perspective between the two wars might contribute to move forward the understanding of changes and developments occurred in the field of labour and, more comprehensively, in the societies involved in the massive event of 1914-1945. Various topics are intended to be taken into account: working and production conditions; work and production system mobilization to support the military economy; men and women's working and living conditions; work disciplining apparatuses and deployments; forced work; militarization of labour and society; State intervention politics in social, economic, industrial, economic, civil mobilization. In this historical perspective, scholars from different countries and in diverse branches of knowledge are invited to present their researches, in order to shed new light on the topic.

**Programme**

**May 25th**

**10.30-11.00-13.00 a.m.**

Welcome address and registration

**11.00-13.00 am**

**I. From one war to another**

*From one war to another. How WWI “imagines” the future war*

Luca Baldissara (University of Pisa)

*How to win a war. Two wars, two mobilizations*

Richard Overy (University of Exeter)

Discussion

**3.15-5.15 pm**

*How war changes*

Nicola Labanca (University of Siena)

*How labour changes*

Stefano Musso (University of Torino)

Discussion

**5.15-7.15 pm**

*SISLAV general meeting*

**May 26th**

**9.30-13.00 am**

**II. Labour as weapon. Military economy, mobilization, home front**

*Military economies*

Alessandro Roselli (Cass Business School, City University, London)

*Mobilizations*

Luigi Tomassini (University of Bologna)

*Industrial policies, military policies*

Imlay Talbot (Université Laval, Québec)

*Total wars, total economies*

Fabrizio Bientinesi (University of Pisa)

Discussion

**ore 15.30-19.00**

### **III. Labour in wartime. Work conditions, conflicts, representation**

*Work conditions*

Catherine Omnes (Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin en Yvelines)

*Military labour*

Massimo Zaccaria (University of Pavia)

*Labour conflicts during wartime*

Jean-Louis Robert (Université Paris I) and Maria Grazia Meriggi (Università di Bergamo)

*Working class “otherness” at war*

Santo Peli (University of Padova)

Discussion

**May 27th**

**9.30-13.00 am**

### **IV. The “State” of war. Welfare/Warfare, Repression/militarization**

*Forced labour, labour under occupation*

Peter Gaida (Universität Bremen)

*Social policies and civil life militarization*

Giovanna Procacci (University of Modena e Reggio Emilia)

*From Warfare to Welfare*

Ilaria Pavan (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

*Homefront, civil life, labour*

Matteo Ermacora (University Ca' Foscari, Venezia)

Discussion

*Scientific project and organization: Luca Baldissara, Lorenzo Bertucelli, Stefano Gallo.*