

ELNH Working Group Maritime Labour History

Crews and Dockers

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Call for Papers

Maritime industries may have different faces, but all of them have at least one point in common: cargo. Everything is linked to it: ships, ports and infrastructures, institutions, companies, etc., and obviously those who handle the cargo, on board and ashore. Our aim is to analyze the labour relations that make maritime economies possible, focusing on the relationship between two collectives: seamen and dockers. We call for papers on labour relations, contract and payment methods, labour conditions, professional categories, skills, professional qualification and de-skilling processes, hierarchy and discipline, guilds and trade unions, training, the making of seamen and dockers as a working group, relationship between both groups, the impact of globalization in the shipping industry on this professional groups, etc. We propose a cross-period approach to seamen and longshoremen, up to the latest transformations undergone in the maritime economies after containerization.

There is an extensive bibliography on maritime labour. However, despite significant efforts by historians, some peripheral areas had been neglected. Any contribution will be welcome, but especially those focused on the Mediterranean Europe and, in general, on the Global South.

The ELHN Working Group on Maritime Labour History invites you to participate in this conference in order to present and to share the results of your ongoing research, but also as an opportunity to meet other colleagues working in the same field.

To take part in the debate, participants have to propose a subject (400 words at most) to the co-organisers, members of the Research Group on Labour History "Work, Institutions and Gender", Barcelona University (www.ub.edu/tig).

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The papers can be submitted in English or Spanish, but please take into consideration that the official language of the conference is English and presentations should be in English.

Deadline for submission: 30 June 2015

Deadline for accepted papers: 1 November 2015