Historical cultures of labour under conditions of deindustrialisation

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Call for Papers

This group discusses historical cultures of labour under conditions of deindustrialisation and post-industrial conditions. How has the historical consciousness of (former) cultures of labour been constructed and articulated in the private, public (counter public) and official spheres? In which ways have changes of labour relations, deregulation and trade unions, the effects on the labour movement and changes of working class identity in deindustrialising and post-industrial regions been memorised? This group looks at the symbolic repertoire of historical cultures of labour and seeks to explore the ways in which the memory of the industrial age is being performed.

We are calling for papers on themes such as industrial heritage, museums and exhibitions, monuments, arts and theatre performances, literature and historiography, including oral history. Please forward your paper proposal (approx. 200 words) including a brief biographical statement to Christian Wicke (Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr University Bochum): christian.wicke@rub.de. Please note that the conference organisers will not be able to cover any travel and accommodation expenses.

Deadline for submission: 15 August 2015