

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

Chair  
Karin Pallaver  
University of Bologna

**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*

**Romain Castellesi** // University of Bourgogne / Dijon  
*The gender of Salamander's mobilisation in 1973  
(Romans-sur-Isère, France)*

**Nausheen Quayyum** // York University / Toronto  
*Organizing and Being Organized: Women Workers in Bangladesh's  
Garment Industry and the Building of an Infrastructure of Dissent*

**Mamatha Gandham** // Ambedkar University / Delhi  
*Ten-Day Relay Hunger Strike of Anganwadi Workers: A Milestone in the  
History of Collective Action of Women Workers*

**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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# New perspectives in feminist labour history: work and activism

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Piazza San Giovanni  
in Monte 2  
Bologna

## THU 17<sup>th</sup> JAN

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

**Gianni Rosas**

Director, ILO Office for Italy and San Marino

**Eloisa Betti / 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

**Leda Papastefanaki**  
University of Ioannina

**Liliosa Azara** // Roma Tre University

*Women between work and family in Sardinian mining communities (XIX and XX century)*

**Ajayi Abiodun** // Adeyemi College of Education / Ondo

*Entrepreneurs, agents and stakeholders in the commercial sector of Osun division, western Nigeria*

**Natalia Jarska** // Polish Academy of Science

*Women as technicians and engineers in state-socialist Poland*

**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*

**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

**Raffaella Baritono**  
University of Bologna

**Marco Caligari** // Independent Researcher

*The household, the strike and the female international networks: the Women and the ship repair workers' strike (Genoa,1955)*

**Laura Savelli** // University of Pisa

*The bread and the roses. The first feminism and the femaleworkers. The Italian case*

**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*

**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*

**Virgínia Baptista** // New University of Lisbon

*Women in the mutual societies – since the end of the nineteenth century to the thirties*

16.15– 18.00

**Women's movements and women workers' rights**

Chair

**Marica Tolomelli**  
University of Bologna

**Isidora Grubački** // Central European University / Budapest

*Women Activists' Relation to Peasant Women's Work: Two Cases from Yugoslavia in the 1930s*

**Beatrice Busi** // University of Venice

**Sabrina Marchetti** // University of Venice

*The political organization of paid domestic workers in Italy (1946-1974)*

**Elizabeth Faue** // Wayne State University / Detroit

*Work and the Injured Body Politic: Health, Gender, and Workplace Democracy in the United States*

**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

## FRI 18<sup>th</sup> JAN

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

**Paola Rudan**  
University of Bologna

**Maya John** // University of Delhi

*One Day in the Life of Johra Bibi: A History of Migration, Precarity and Resistance by Women Domestic Workers*

**Leda Sutlović** // University of Vienna

*Social Reproduction in Times of Austerity – Transformations of Equality Policies in Yugoslavia*

**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*

**Maria Tamboukou** // University of East London

*Working women on the move: reconsidering nomadism in dark times*

**Alessandra Pescarolo** // Società Italiana delle Storiche

*The concept of reproductive labor since Marx to feminism thought: meaning and misunderstandings*

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 13.30

**Women and Trade Unions**

Chair

**Eloisa Betti**  
University of Bologna

**Paulo Marques Alves** // ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon

*From exclusion to underrepresentation: women and the trade union movement in Portugal*

**Shobhana Warriar** // Delhi University

*Trade unions and women worker, 1914-1951 colonial Tamil Nadu*

**Elena Musiani** // University of Bologna

*Biographies of leading female trade unionists in Emilia Romagna between the 19th and the 20th century*

**Debora Migliucci** // Archivio del Lavoro / Milan

*Trade Union's women and their biographies – The case study of Camera del Lavoro in Milan (1945-1965)*

**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