

**Preliminary full program for the Nordic Labour History Conference,
Copenhagen (Arbejdermuseet & Cinemateket) January 26-30, 2022**

The preliminary program may be subject to changes

Venue and location: All activities of the conference, including the film screenings, will take place at Arbejdermuseet, Rømersgade 22, in central Copenhagen, close to the metro station Nørreport

Track codes:

A: Feminist Labor History

B: Precarious Work Historicized

C: Free/Unfree Labour

D: History of Fascism and Anti-Fascism

E: Communist Lives. Location

F: Histories of Migrant, Itinerant, Vagrant and Entrepreneurial Labour

G: History of Collective Bargaining.

H: Political Activism and Labour Protest

J: Special Sessions

Y: Plenary Sessions

All sessions have a letter and a number. In the first pages you will find a program overview, in the following pages the descriptions of sessions with paper titles etc.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26

14.00-14.45: Lunch for Nordic Labour History Network representatives

14.45-16.45: Nordic Labor History Network meeting

16.00-17.00: Conference registration (Entrance Hall)

17.00-19.00: Keynote lecture with Prof. Eileen Boris followed by trade union roundtable: Centennials as battleground of historical memory - the International Labour Organization 1919-2019

19.15-21.30: Nordic Labour Film Festival Opening (Festsalen) – Introduction by NLFF-organizer Talat Bhatt on labour films as labour education and screening of **The Dirty War on the NHS (2019, documentary, UK)** with introduction by Astrid Elkjær Sørensen, who will relate it to the recent struggles of nurses in Denmark

THURSDAY JANUARY 27

08.00-12.00: Conference registration (Entrance Hall) (Participants arriving later than 12.00 are themselves responsible for finding organisers to register with)

09.00-09.45: Conference opening: What is labour and what is Nordic in Nordic Labour History by NLHC organizing team and NLHN representatives

09.45-10.00: Coffee break

10.00-12.00: Parallel Sessions A1, C2, H3, B1, G1

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.00-15.00: Parallel Sessions A2, C1, H4, B2, G2

15.00-15.30: Coffee break

15.30-17.00: Keynote lecture: Donatella della Porta: Political protest, social movements, and the politics of collective memory (Festsalen)

17.00-18.00: Book Launch: Työväentutkimus Vuosikirja 2020: the Finnish Labour Movement and Nordic Countries (Festsalen)

18.00-18.30: Evening snacks

18.30-21.30: Film Festival (Festsalen): Screening of "**Occupy, Resist, Produce – Scop Ti**" (2018, short film, Italy) and **Memorias Culturales de un Pasado Industrial / Cultural Memories of an Industrial Past** (2020, documentary, Spain) – with introduction by film maker Irene Diaz

FRIDAY JANUARY 28

09.00-10.30: Keynote lecture: Kevin Morgan: Labour biographies and transnational communist studies

10.30-10.45: Coffee break

10.45-12.45: Parallel Sessions D1, C3, E1, B3, J1

12.45-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.45: Parallel Sessions D2, H1, F1, J7, A3

15.45-16.15: Coffee break and afternoon snacks

16.15-17.45: Plenary debate: The state of Nordic Labour History – collective input for historiographical article for Scandinavian Economic History Review

17.45-18.45: Book launch: Shades of Red: Evolution of the Political Language of Finnish Socialism from the Nineteenth Century until the Civil War of 1918

18.45-19.15: Evening snacks (Festsalen)

19.15-22.00: Film Festival: Screening of 'We Carry It Within Us' (2017, Danmark/US Virgin Islands) + roundtable with filmmaker Helle Stenum and labor historians focused on colonial and indigenous history in and beyond the Nordic countries

SATURDAY JANUARY 29

9.00-11.00: Parallel Sessions A4, J3, E2, F2, J4

11.00-11.15: Coffee break

11.15-13.15: Parallel Sessions A5, E3, F3, H2, J5

13.15-14.15: Lunch

14.15-16.15: Plenary Session Y1: Labour History for a Digital Age

16.15-16.45: Coffee break

16.45-18.15: Parallel Sessions J6, J2 + Working group meetings

18.15-19.00: Round up from organizers and NLHN - next conference?

19.00-23.00: Conference dinner (Festsalen)

SUNDAY JANUARY 30

10.00-17.00: Film screenings + labour history book and journal fair

- We have no fear / Paura non abbiamo, 2017, IT (documentary). [Watch trailer](#)
- Made in Dagenham, 2010, UK (fiction). [Watch trailer](#)
- Tomorrow, 2015, FR (documentary). [Watch trailer](#)
- Working Man, 2020, US (fiction). [Watch trailer](#)
- 9to5: The Story of a Movement, 2021, US (documentary). [Watch trailer](#)

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

A: Feminist Labor History

A1) Citizenship, Labour, and Gender

Samita Sen, University of Cambridge: *Women Leaders, Labour Movements and Electoral Politics: India in Transition, 1940–1960*

June Hannam, University of the West of England (retired): *The Reperesentation of the People Act, 1918, labour and citizenship.*

Silke Neunsinger, ARAB: *Transnational struggles for economic citizenship in India after independence: The case of wage equality.*

Malin Arvidsson, Lund University: *Swedish Social Democratic Women's relation to the National Association for Women's Franchise (L.K.P.R): Cooperation and complications 1907–1921*

Ragnheiður Kristjánsdóttir, University of Iceland: *Votes for the poor. The intersection of suffrage and poor law in Iceland 1916–1934*

Comment: Drude Dahlerup, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Stockholm University and Honorary Professor at Roskilde University.

A2) More than a space for female labour – the early modern Nordic household revisited

Nina Javette Koefoed, Aarhus University: *Disobedient servants. Legal and illegal conflicts about work in the household*

Hanne Østhus, University of Bonn: *Men at work! Male servants in eighteenth-century Copenhagen and Oslo*

Karin Hassan Jansson, Uppsala University: *Hunting for Separate Spheres: The household in Swedish political debate around 1800*

Malin Nilsson, Lund University, and Carolina Uppenberg, Stockholm University: *“Challenging the domestic – gendered contracts and labour relations in crofters’ households”*

Vilhelm Vilhelmsson, University of Iceland Research Centre in North-Western Iceland: *“Practicing authority and resistance in peasant households in nineteenth-century Iceland”*

Hilde Sandvik, University of Oslo: *“Compulsory service in practice during the eighteenth century”*

A3) Gendering industry

Jørgen Burchardt, Museum Vestfyn: *The men took over: The cheese dairy workforce 1840-1930*

Katri Karkinen, independent researcher (Finland): *The Emerging Rural Industry - the Role of Girls in Dairy*

Thanasis Betas, University of Ioannina & Research Centre for the Humanities (Athens): *Health, technology and labour in the Greek tobacco industry in the 20th century. The gender dimension*

Chair and discussant: TBC

A4) Women's role in trade unions and labor struggle

Valgerður Pálmadóttir, University of Iceland and Evelina Johansson Wilén, Gothenburg University: *Conceptualizations of Work and Solidarity in the new International Women's Strikes*

Iris Olavinen, The Finnish Labour Archives: *Empowering women - the informal meetings and activism of trade union women leaders in 1988 - 1992*

Helle Stenum, Roskilde University: *Invisible Queens of Nordic Caribbean labour history – Or Queens in invisible Nordic Caribbean Labour History*

Chair and discussant: Eileen Boris, Hull Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara

A5) Women organizing political and social movements

Fredrik Egefur, Lund University: *"Från det ödelagda Belgien..." – Anna Lindhagens europeiska resa 1915*

Malin Arvidsson, Lund University: *Making women vote. Nelly Thüring and the Social Democratic Women's Federation's election campaign 1920–1921*

Andrés Brink Pinto, Lund University: *Public toilets, the right to the city and women's political citizenship*

Chair and discussant: TBC

B: Precarious Work Historicized

B1) Precarity and forms of labor: Case studies I

Maria Fernanda Arellanes Arellanes, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa: *Domestic work as the original gig. A contemporary investigation of platform-organized domestic work and its precarious implications in historical context*

Nina Trige Andersen, SFAH, Copenhagen: *Pirates and chambermaids: Outsourcing schemes in the Copenhagen hotel sector 1970s-1990s*

Katja Nicolaysen, Museums in Akershus: *Retirees as precarious labor*

Discussant and chair: Janne Gleerup, PhD, Associate Professor at Department of People and Technology, Working Life, Roskilde University

B2) Precarity and forms of labor: Case studies II

Rosa Kösters, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam: *Between solidarity and fragmentation: the consequences of and reactions to changing labour relations at the Dutch shop floor, 1970-2010.*

Gunhild Lurås, Norwegian industrial Workers Museum: *Construction workers and precarious work in Rjukan industrial site*

Annette Thörnquist, independent researcher (Sweden): *Trade union struggle for workwear in Swedish elder care*

Ingrid Haugrønning, Norsk trikotagemuseum: *Arbeidstilknytning i den tidlige tekstilindustri.*

Discussant and chair: TBC

B3) Precarity, industry and the state

Kjersti Melberg, Norsk Oljemuseum og Universitetet i Stavanger: *Precarious work in the Norwegian petroleum industry? The working lives of offshore catering workers.*

Irene Odgaard, Independent researcher (Denmark): *The logic of the Ghent model vs. flexicurity.*

Rohini Thyagarajan, Indian Feminist Judgment Project: *Unveiling the 'employer': Indian supreme court's adjudication of sham contract claims.*

Discussant and chair: Janne Gleerup, PhD, Associate Professor at Department of People and Technology, Working Life, Roskilde University

C: Free/Unfree Labor

C1) Experiences at the nexus of punishment and labour

Emilie Luther Valentin, Aalborg University: *How to be(come) the perfect inmate: Perspectives on emotional labour in the prison workhouse in the last part of the eighteenth century*

Bonnie Clementsson, Lund University: *Love, sickness, and death at a Swedish fortress prison in early 1800s*

Peter Wessel Hansen, Copenhagen City Archives: *Arbejdsomme og dovne fattige. Arbejde som borgerdyd, pligt og straf hos københavnske fattige 1770-1830*

Maria Nørby Pedersen, Aarhus University: *Forced to work for the common good. Religious understandings and vagrancy in early modern Denmark*

Discussant and chair: Johan Heinsen, Aalborg University

C2) Illicit movement and documents of control: Studying practices of mobility and labour coercion in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries

Vilhelm Vilhelmsson, University of Iceland Centre for Research in Northwest Iceland: *Paperless and masterless: Passports, permits and labour (im)mobility in law and practice in Iceland ca. 1780-1860*

Johan Heinsen, Aalborg University: *Escape and Illusion: Prison breakers' forged identities in eighteenth century Denmark*

Anders Dyrborg Birkemose, Aalborg University: *"Ingen maa huse eller hæle dem" – Efterlysningsannoncer i Københavns Adresseavis 1759-1854 [To be translated to English]*

Bonnie Clementsson, Lund University: *Under False Identity: Swedish convicts on the run in the early 1800s*

Discussant and chair: Matthias van Rossum, International Institute of Social History

C3) Capitalism, colonialism, and coercion

Olli Siitonen, University of Helsinki: *Coerced to kill: American narratives of killing in the Vietnam War*

Matthias van Rossum, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam: *Corvée Capitalism – the Dutch East India Company, coerced labour and resistance in early modern Asia*

Ale Pålsson, Uppsala University/Högskolan Dalarna: *Visualizing Demographic Change and Continuity from Slavery to Liberation: An Examination of Censuses in the Swedish Caribbean*

Discussant and chair: Vilhelm Vilhelmsson, University of Iceland Centre for Research in Northwest Iceland

D: History of Fascism and Anti-Fascism

D1) From militant activism to militant democracy in Interwar Norden

Kristina Krake, University of Amsterdam: *Democratisation processes and Scandinavian history, in particular the Scandinavian countries' resilience to antidemocratic movements during the interwar period*

Hélène Lööw, University of Uppsala: *Fascism, extremism, intolerance, hate crimes and society's response and counteractions against these*

Charlie E. Krautwald, University of Agder: *Radical street politics and the role of space in political mobilization during the interwar period*

Discussant and chair: Andrés Brink Pinto, Lund University

D2) Framing anti-fascism: Conceptualising a working-class unity against the far right from Popular Front to People's Parks and beyond

Matias Kaihovirta, Åbo Akademi University: *Fighting for anti-fascist spaces: Swedish-speaking working class resistance against Finnish fascism in the 1930's.*

Pontus Järvstad, University of Iceland: *The Many Conceptualizations of Anti-fascism: Historiographical Considerations for the Developing Field of Nordic Anti-fascist Studies.*

Tomas Widing, University of Stockholm: *Anti-Fascism as a Communist strategy for Working-Class Unity: The Communist Party of Sweden and the Jansson-Mineur- Committee 1935-1938.*

Johan Pries, University of Lund, Erik Jönsson & Don Mitchell, University of Uppsala: *The Swedish People's Parks: Socialist landscapes for staging the people.*

Discussant and chair: Johan A. Lundin, Malmö University

E: Communist Lives

E1) Nordic Communist Activists

Kim Frederichsen, independent researcher (Denmark): *Martin Andersen Nexø – a Communist Author*

Skafti Ingimarsson, University of Akureyri: *Einar Olgeirsson and the Icelandic Road to Socialism, 1924-1968*

Rósa Magnúsdóttir, University of Aarhus: *Selling Books to Icelandic Workers: A 'Communist Capitalist' and his Transnational Networks, 1930s-1970s*

Liisa Lalu, University of Turku: *'Home again. The battle season is ahead.'* *The diary of a young radical communist woman*

Discussant and chair: TBC

E2) Communism as Ideal and Reality in a Gendered Perspective

Silja Pitkänen, University of Jyväskylä: *Children in Soviet Propaganda Photographs in the 1930s*

Yulia Gradszkova, Stockholm University: *Women's International Democratic Federation and the Soviet model of emancipation of women as an example to follow for the "whole world"*

Heidi Kurvinen, University of Turku, Finland: *Portrayal of Soviet women in the Finnish print media of the 1960s and 1970s*

Discussant and chair: Rosa Magnúsdóttir, Aarhus University, Denmark

E3) Transnational Lives and Movements

Torkil Sørensen, independent researcher (Denmark): *Communists from Germany as refugees in Denmark, 1933-39 and the Danes helping them*

Michał Geżiarz, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland): *AKP (m-l) and Democratic Kampuchea: between naivety and postcolonial patterns*

Discussant and chair: TBC

F: Histories of Migrant, Itinerant, Vagrant and Entrepreneurial Labor

F1) Itinerant labour at the margins

Johanna Wassholm & Anna Sundelin, Åbo Akademi University: *Hospitality and Rejection: Interaction Between Mobile Petty Traders and Host Communities in the Nordic Region, 1850–1920*

Maren Jonasson, Åbo Akademi University: *Marginalized livelihoods and working conditions of extraordinary-bodied itinerant performers in the Nordic countries ca. 1860–1910*

Emma Pihl Skoog, Södertörn University: *Professional Strongmen as Working Class Culture 1890-1950*

Discussant and chair: Ann-Catrin Östman, Associate Professor, Åbo Akademi

F2) Migration, the Nordic Welfare State and Labor Market Model

Emilia Lakka, University of Jyväskylä: *A tale of three crises: a comparative analysis of Finnish and Swedish labor migration policy shifts 2004-2015*

Pål Brunnström, Malmö University: *Do labour migrants need to know Swedish? Migration and integration policy and praxis on the municipal level 1945–1970*

Mai Lundemark, Uppsala University: *Representing workers of migrant background – discourse and action in trade union practice in Denmark*

Daniel Stridh, Stockholm University: *Between Inclusion and Exclusion: The Conflicting Meanings of Migration and (Child)Care Work within the Swedish Municipal Workers' Union 1972-1987*

Discussant and chair: Mats Wickström, Forskardoktor, Åbo Akademi

F3) Exiled Work: Activist labour in the Nordic countries

Sanela Bajramović, University of Örebro: *Empowering sisters? Bosnian peace activists on study visits and seminars in Sweden during and after the war in Bosnia*

Fernando Camacho Padilla, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid: *Activism of the Chilean exiles in Sweden: political organisation, actions and major demands*

Emma Lundin, Malmö University: *Representing the struggle: the lives of ANC activists in Stockholm, 1976-1994*

Robert Nilsson Mohammadi, Malmö University: *From Black Nationalism to class struggle: Scandinavia as an arena for the Black Panther Party*

Discussant and chair: Yulia Gradszkova, Stockholm University

G: History of Collective Bargaining

G1) The establishment of the system of collective bargaining

Lars-Erik Hansen, University of Linköping: *Kampen om löneutrymmet. Tjänstemännens lönepolitik i Larorganisationens (LO) Skugga*

Ken Bjerregaard, Oslo Metropolitan University: *När Privattjänstemännen tog till kamp för kollektivavtal*

Hannes Rolf, IBF, Uppsala University: *Organized interests, Power and Rent*

Discussant and chair: TBC

G2) Strategies for organizing and collective bargaining

Nina Trige Andersen, SFAH (Denmark): *Organizing freelancers for collective agreements 1970-2010s: The Case of FreelanceGruppen in The Danish Union of Journalists*

Olle Jansson, Uppsala University: *Employment Transition Agreement and the struggle over Collective layoffs in Sweden*

Erik Bengtsson, Lund University: *Profit Squeeze, Macroeconomic expertise and wage bargaining in Denmark, Norway and Sweden in the 1980s*

Discussant and chair: TBC

H: Political Activism and Labour Protest

H1) Strikes and Lockouts in a Nordic and International Perspective Part I: Perspectives and sources

Jesper Hamark, University of Gotenburg: *Lockouts in the Scandinavian Countries, c. 1900-1930*

Tobias Karlsson, Lund University: *Digitized Newspapers as a Source for Historical Strike Data: Problems and Opportunities*

Flemming Mikkelsen, prev. University of Copenhagen: *Social Movement Unionism in Denmark, 1914-2000*

Discussant and chair: Knud Knudsen, prev. Aalborg University

H2) Strikes and Lockouts in a Nordic and International Perspective Part II: Cases

Erik Bengtsson, Lund University: *The evolution of popular politics in Sweden, c. 1866-1899: the case of folkemöten*

Magnus Olofsson, Lund University: *Contested streets. Marching and demonstrating in Stockholm, 1887-1920*

Tapio Bergholm, University of Eastern Finland: *Leino Strikes in the Spring 1948 as Double Failure – The Failure of Finnish Communist Party and The Failure of the Earlier Research*

Discussant and chair: Flemming Mikkelsen, prev. University of Copenhagen

H3) Protest! Political Activism post 1960 Part I: Archivist Memories

Arja Turunen, University of Jyväskylä: *Oral History Life Stories of Finnish Second-Wave Feminists: Political Activism and Personal Experiences*

Helena Hill, Södertörn University: *The kids just want to have fun. Political protests against capitalism and right-wing politics in the 1980s Sweden*

Jesper Jørgensen, Arbejdermuseet & ABA: *Solidarity with other 'others'. Life History Pathways into Political Activism on the Left, 1960-1990*

Discussant and chair: Rikke Lie Halberg, Lund University

H4) Protest! Political Activism post 1960 Part II: Today's activism

Katrin Uba & Jenny Jansson, Uppsala University: *Protests and collective bargaining: The Swedish case*

Thomas Olesen, Aarhus University and Jesper Jørgensen, Arbejdermuseet & ABA: *A new organizational paradigm? Comparing organization and resources in historical and contemporary social movements in Denmark 1960-2020*

Lasse Lindekilde, Aarhus University: *For the Climate... and Me: Weighing Common and Personal Interests in the Fight against Climate Change*

Discussant and chair: Sune Haugbølle, Roskilde University

J: Special Sessions

J1) Deindustrialization processes in the Nordic Countries

Stefan Backius, Karlstad University: *Deindustrialization and rural community activism in 1980's*

Björn Tropp, Economic Historian (retired) (Sweden): *From Worker Collective to Individualisation. A Local Study of the Costs of Industrial Groups Quest for Profit*

Kirsten Folke Harrits, independent researcher (Denmark): *The End of Industry? The Transformation of the Ceres Brewery into Modern Housing*

Discussant and chair: TBC

J2) From Cinema to YouTube. The Labour Movement and Visual Media, 1945-2020

Lina Rahm, Linköping University: *Automated Socialism: The Swedish Labor Movement and Educational Films of a Sociotechnical Future, 1956-1986*

Jenny Jansson and Katrin Uba, "New Media, New Opportunities? Swedish Trade Unions' Political Activism on YouTube"

Discussant and chair: TBC

J3) Maritime-, Dock-, and Shipyard Labor

Trond H. Erlien, AHKR/University of Bergen: *The ambiguity of survival: Company restructuring and union strategies at Stord Yard, 1975-2019*

Jan Heiret & Hans-Jakob Ågotnes, University of Bergen: *Social and industrial relations in the Norwegian shipbuilding industry 1945-2020*

Tobias Karlsson, Lund University: *Labour market segmentation and 'the flexible firm': comparing shipyards in Sweden and Japan*

Discussant and chair: Lars Berggren, Professor Emeritus in History, Lund University

J4) Rebellious Workers in Texts and Literature Part I

Magnus Nilsson, Malmö University: *Working-class literature as a literary and political phenomenon: the example of Stig Sjödin*

Nicklas Freisleben Lund, University of Southern Denmark: *In ambivalent battle. The strike and the novel*

Lisbeth Gundlund Jensen, member of the Nexø Foundation Board (Denmark): *"Contemporary Danish Social Literature in Historical Perspective"*

Jussi Lahtinen, Tampere University: *Finnish working-class authors of the 1970s: dissidents of the modern labour movement*

Discussant and chair: Beata Agrell, professor emerita, University of Gothenburg

J5) Rebellious Workers in Texts and Literature Part II

Małgorzata Drwal, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań: *South African workers' dissident voice in song and poetry*

Alpo Väkevä, University of Helsinki and Library of the Labour Movement: *A Call for Proletarian Morality: Raoul Palmgren on Art and Literature*

Mikko-Olavi Seppälä, University of Helsinki: *Struggle for Migrant Working-Class Culture – Creating Theatre by/for Finnish labour in Sweden, from 1950s to 1990s*

Discussant and chair: Lisbeth Gundlund Jensen, Member of the Nexø Foundation Board (Denmark)

J6) Security Police, Surveillance and the Labour Movement

Sami Suodenjoki, Tampere University: *Political informing as class struggle? Workers and the practice of denunciation in Finland in the late imperial era, 1899-1917*

Ville Okkonen and Dr. Tiina Lintunen, University of Turku: *Socialists under surveillance in the wartime 1941-1944*

Nils Ivar Agøy, University of South-Eastern Norway: *The establishment of counterrevolutionary measures, directed against the Norwegian Labour movement, between the two world wars*

Discussant and chair: Kimmo Rentola, University of Helsinki and Tiina Lintunen, University of Turku

J7) Faces in the Crowd: Collective and individual life histories as entries to labor history

Josefin Hägglund, Södertörn University College: *Carl Lindhagen and the Relevance of Biography for Labour History*

Pete Pesonen, Finnish Labour Archives and University of Turku: *Finnish Factory "Homers" 1950—2000 — Workers and supervisors clandestine co-operation*

Nina Trige Andersen, Society for Labor History (Denmark): *The private archive as destabilising narrative tool: Trajectories of a Filipina worker in Copenhagen 1970s-1990s*

Discussant and chair: Sofie Lene Bak, Copenhagen University

Y: Plenary Session

Y1) Labour History for a Digital Age

Jenny Jansson, Uppsala University: *Preserving online union activism: Experiences from the project DigiFacket*

Margit Bech Vilstrup, ABA (Denmark): *Conceptualizing the worker. How big data, SMURF and the longue durée can contribute to labour history*

Örjan Simonson, Folk Rörelsearkivet för Uppsala län: *Living Memories. Uppsala Labour History workshop (Uppsala arbetarhistoriska förening) collection of biographic interviews*

Peter Håkansson, Malmö University, and Tobias Karlsson, Lund University, and Matti La Mela, Aalto University/Uppsala University: *“Why Did the 20th Century Messengers Run Out of Time? Exploring and Analysing the Digital Footprints of a Lost Occupation”*

Donald Weber, Amsab-Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis: *The Social History Portal*

Discussant and chair: TBC