

56th Annual Conference of the International Association of Labour History Institutions

*The Shared Responsibility of Memory: Maintaining
Relations between Heritage Institutions and their Communities*

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Hiroshimastr. 17, 10785 Berlin, Germany

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Wednesday 9 September

18.00–20.30 Reception and registration

Thursday 10 September

10.00–10.15 Welcome by Sabine Fandrych (Secretary of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)

10.15–12.30 IALHI member presentations

Green Archives: How to deal with Heritage of Ecological and Nature Movements in Social and Labour History Collections by Donald Weber (Amsab-Institute for Social History, Ghent)

The Puma Foundation Archive at CEHTI: Preserving the Memory of the Trotskyist Tradition in Latin America by Walter L. Koppmann and Ernesto A. Najmias (Centro de Estudios Históricos de los Trabajadores y las Izquierdas, Buenos Aires)

From Donor to Partner: Istarski ugljenokop Raša and the Creation of the Mining Collection of the Labin Museum by Olja Višković (Labin Public Museum, Labin)

The coming Digital Dark Age: Looking at the Human Factor by Felix Schmidbaur (Archive of Social Democracy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn)

The Responsibility of Memory in the Age of Wars by Massimo Repetto (Archivio Biografico del Movimento Operario, Genoa)

Report from the Working Group Digital Collections by Andreas Marquet (Archive of Social Democracy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn)

12.30–13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30	General Assembly (hybrid)
14.30-15.00	Introduction and opening of the conference by Anja Kruke (President of the International Association of Labour History Institutions)
15.00-16.00	Instability in Archives: Relating Across Medium, Landscape, and Institution <i>Living (Un)well</i> by Walai Buppha (Deep South Museum & Archives' Initiative, Thailand) <i>Abandoned Landscapes as Violence Heritage: Heritage Politics and Community Witness in Thailand's Deep South</i> by Patporn Phootong (Museum of October 6 Project, Thailand) <i>When the Creator Disappears: Archiving the Present under Conditions of Institutional Instability</i> by Hyojin Pak (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam)
16.00-16.15	Coffee break
16.15-17.15	Relations between archives and donators/ creators <i>Between Continuity and Change. The Amsab-Institute for Social History and its Relationships with multiple and diverse Heritage Communities</i> by Margo De Koster and Kim Robensyn (Amsab-Institute for Social History) <i>Measuring Participation: Tools for Strengthening Relationships with Communities</i> by Kalle Kallio (The Finnish Labour Museum, Tampere)
17.15-18.15	Cooperation between archives and examples of collection work <i>New Approaches to collecting at Manchester University Library</i> by Janette Martin (The University of Manchester Library) <i>Preserving Trust: Documenting Food Delivery Workers during the Pandemic</i> by Ida Rådegård (Museum of Work, Norrköping)
19.00 Uhr	Conference dinner

Friday 11 September

9.30-11.30	Collection acquisition policies and methods <i>Building Archival Partnerships with African Trade Union Organisations</i> by Andreas Adamasie (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam) <i>Fucking Computer! Documenting Digital Working Life through Cross-Sector Collaboration</i> by Cornelia Andersson and Marinette Fodge (Museum of Work, Norrköping) <i>Accumulation, Acquisition and the Organic Composition of Archives</i> by Erik Bohman (Arbetarrörelsens Arkiv och Bibliotek, Huddinge) <i>Preserving Memory Together: Library-Research Nexus in Digital Heritage Work and Study</i> by Mette Kjær Ovesen (The Workers Museum & Danish Labour Movement's Archives and Library, Copenhagen), Nicklas Freisleben Lund (University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg) and Magnus Nilsson (Malmö University, Malmö)
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11.30-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-12.45	Activate Roundtable: Relationships between Archivists, Activists and Donators
12.45-13.45	Lunch
13.45-15.15	From Ownership to Responsibility: Feminist Approaches to Archiving, Care, and Digital Memory <i>Narrative Textiles and Memory Work</i> by Gaby Franger (Museum Frauenkultur Regional International, Fürth) <i>SHHH! Stories about Abortion: Collecting Sensitive Histories</i> by Mona Holm (Women's Museum Norway, Kongsvinger) <i>"Processing Peace": From Collecting to Relational Practice in Feminist Museums</i> by Stefania Pitscheider Soraperra (Austria's Women's Museum, Hittisau)
15.15-15.45	Long Coffee Break
15.45-16.45	Redefining US Labor Archives through collaborative Partnerships <i>Collaboration is Key: Documenting the Now and Engaging with the Past</i> by Steven Calco (Kheel Center, Ithaca) <i>Proactive Partnerships: Considerations for Collaborative Labor Oral History Projects – Preservation, Access, and Project Success</i> by Conor Casey (Labor Archives of Washington, University of Washington, Seattle) <i>Union Education with the UAW Archives</i> by Gavin Strassel (Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University, Michigan) <i>The Asian Pacific Labor Alliance Archive Project</i> by Alan Wierdak (National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D. C.)
16:45-18:00	Closing remarks Get-together and Farewell