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## **Program of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association of Labour History Institutions (IALHI)**

*10 to 12 September, 2025*

*International Institute of Social History (Amsterdam)*

### **AI, Big Tech and Democracy: Threats and Opportunities to Labour History Institutions**

All times are Central European Summer Time (CET)

All meetings at the IISH building: Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
and via Microsoft Teams (<https://teams.live.com/free>)

Meeting ID: 390 266 162 435 7

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<https://iisg.amsterdam/en/collections/prepare-your-visit>

#### Wednesday 10 September

15.00 – 16.30: **Board meeting** (members only)

16.30 – 18.00: Reception and registration

#### Thursday 11 September

10.00 – 10.45: **Opening** of the conference. Welcome and **keynote**

10.45 – 11.00: Coffee/tea

11.00 – 12.30: **Big Tech to undermine labour**

- *Toward a digital workers memory: The experience of the Digital Center for Historical Documentation of the Institute of Humanities (CeDIDH–CONICET)*, by Camila Sapp, Fernando Aiziczon, Agustin Zanotti (CONICET)
- *AI and new technologies in the Global South: potentials and limits for history research*, by Walter Koppmann and Nicolas Rubinstein (CEHTI, Uni Buenos Aires)
- *AI: A view from an Australian union based collection centre*, by Neale Towart, Unions NSW Sydney

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch

#### 13.30 – 15.00: **Big Tech to support archiving labour**

- *Making use of LLMs for archival descriptions of digital born data: evaluating a proof of concept*, by Andreas Marquet, (Archive of Social Democracy (FES), Bonn)
- *Different strategies for preserving the web (and everything that will go wrong)*, by Jeroen Fernandez-Alonso (AMSAB-ISG, Ghent)

15.00 – 15.15: Coffee/tea

#### 15.15 – 17.30: **Big Tech to support labour data creation**

- *Keeping the humanities human(e): The indispensable human in collecting and analysing data for global labour histories*, by Amber Zijlma, Josephine Läuferts and Teun van Kasteel (IISH, Amsterdam)
- *A hands-on approach to using RAG-AI (NotebookLM) with historical socialist newspapers*, by Lucas Poy (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam)
- *AI as an aid to data capture: opportunities and limitations*, by Alice Balazy (ETUI)

18.00: Conference dinner

## Friday 12 September

#### 9.30 – 13.00: **IALHI member presentations**

- Archivo Histórico de los Movimientos Sociales (Madrid) - *A new Spanish archive for social movements*, by Marta Hernangómez Vázquez
- AMSAB-Institute of Social History (Ghent) - *Migration History in the Metaverse: a project on engaging heritage communities in a virtual archive and museum*, by Dhiaa Biya, Fady Labib and Donald Weber
- La Contemporaine's involvement with Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects, by Rene Pigier (La Contemporaine)
- ABMO (Genoa) – *Recent activities and projects*, by Massimo Repetto (Archivio Biografico del Movimento Operaio)
- Työväen Arkisto (Helsinki) – *Archiving the History of Disability: importance and challenges in establishing a new thematic collection*, by Petri Tanskanen (Työväen Arkisto)

- Arbejdsmuseet (Copenhagen) – *Web archiving for dummies – the short case story of harvesting the website of the Danish Social Democratic Party*, by Jesper Jørgensen (Arbejdsmuseet)
- IISH (Amsterdam) - The use of open access pipelines for heritage and research, by Bethany Warner

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.00: **General Assembly** (hybrid)

Alternative to non-members: tour of the collection

15.00 – 16.30: **Round table discussion**

- *Collecting in times of rising authoritarianism. Threads and opportunities*, contributions by various IALHI members

16.30 – 18.00: Drinks and end of the conference