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Provisional Program of the 55th Annual Conference of the International Association of Labour History Institutions (IALHI)

10 to 13 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 ISSH BUILDING: CRUQUIUSWEG 31, 1019 AT AMSTERDAM, THE
NETHERLANDS**

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

Wednesday 10 September

15.00 – 16.30: Board meeting (members only)

16.00 – 18.00: Reception and registration

Thursday 11 September

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

10.45 – 11.00: Coffe/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 – 13.30: 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
- IISH (Amsterdam) - *The use of open access pipelines for heritage and research*, by Bethany Warner
- 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)

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

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

Alternative to non-members: tour of the collection

15.00 – 17.00: **Round table discussion**

- *The Position of Labour history institutions in our time*, participants: Leo Lucassen (IISH), Anja Kruke (FES), Eric Clavin (Hoover Institution), ...

17.00 – 18.00: Drinks and end of the conference