



‘The circulation of ideas and practices regarding workplace democracy in Europe and beyond, from WWII to the present’

International conference, Université d’ÉvrY Paris-Saclay, 28-29 September 2023

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 28 September

9.30 – 9.45 Welcome with Coffee / Tea
9.45 – 10.00 Word of welcome by the organisers Chair: Organisers
10.00 – 11.30 Panel 1: A dominant but contested model in Europe: Co-determination Chair: Stefan Berger (Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr-University, Bochum) <ol style="list-style-type: none">Sophia Friedel (Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr-University, Bochum): <i>German “Mitbestimmung” as the ultimate means to democratize the workplace in Western Europe? A discourse analysis</i>Alexandre Bibert (Deutsches Historisches Institut, Paris): <i>French Views on Mitbestimmung from the 1950s to the 1970s</i>Sara Lafuente Hernandez (European Trade Union Institute, Brussels): <i>The conceptual discussion around Workplace Participation and its implications for EU policy developments</i>
11.30 – 11.45 Coffee / Tea Break
11.45 – 12.45 Keynote Lecture: Transnational history and workplace democracy? Keynote Speaker: Gerd-Rainer Horn (SciencePo Centre for History, Paris)

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15 Panel 2: The circulation and persistence of the self-management model

Chair: Frank Georgi (University of Évry Paris-Saclay)

1. Céline Marty (University of Franche-Comté):
The Franco-Italian exchanges on self-management between Gorz and the operaists
2. Dušan Marković (University of Belgrade):
Serge Mallet in Yugoslavia: A story of an exchange of ideas
3. Guillaume Genoud (University of Évry Paris-Saclay):
Regionalism, nationalism and self-management: The case of the Corsican trade-unionists of the CFDT and of the STC (1972-1991)

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee / Tea Break

15.30 – 17.00 Panel 3: Alternative models of workplace democracy? The British and 'Nordic' cases in transnational perspective

Chair: Sophia Friedel (Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr-University, Bochum)

1. Peter Ackers (Centre for Work, Organisation and Society, Loughborough University):
Hugh Clegg – the British Pluralist Voluntarist approach to Industrial Democracy (1945 to 1979)
2. Rebecca Zahn (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow):
Revealing the Role of Ideas in Labour Law's Development: Interactions between German exiled Trade Unionists and the British labour movement
3. Haldor Byrkejflot (University of Oslo):
The Nordic Model of workplace Democracy in transnational perspective, 1970-2023

17.00 – 17.30 Discussion / Concluding Remarks Day 1

Friday, 29 September

9.30 – 11.00 Panel 4: Economic democracy and socialism

Chair: Pedro Teixeira (Centre Marc Bloch Berlin)

1. Vladimir Unkovski (University of Glasgow) and Aurélie Andry (University of Évry Paris-Saclay):
Yugoslav Self-Management, the British Left and the Origins of the Alternative Economic Strategy
2. Aleksandar Miletic (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade): *Yugoslav Workers' Self-Management and the Western European Socialist and Social-Democratic Left*
3. Vaclav Rames (University of Prague):
Czechoslovakia – How practices of economic democracy helped remove the political dominance of the Communist Party (1989)

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee / Tea Break

11.15 – 12.45 Panel 5: Ideas and policies of workplace democracy in European institutions and International Organizations

Chair: György Szell (University of Osnabrueck, Institute of Social Sciences)

1. Isabel Da Costa (CNRS/ENS Paris-Saclay):
Workplace Democracy through Collective Bargaining: from the national to the transnational level
2. Holm-Detlev Köhler (University of Oviedo):
Worker participation in transnational company actions in Europe
3. Charles Lurquin (McGill University in Montreal):
The ILOs approach to Workplace Democracy

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00– 15.30 Panel 6: Global circulations beyond Europe

Chair: Manfred Wannöffel (Joint Working Centre of the Ruhr-University Bochum and IG Metall)

1. Benedetto Zaccaria (University of Padova):
Sarajevo Caput Mundi – The Global Dimension of the 1971 “Second Congress of Yugoslav Self-Managers”
2. Gabriela Scodeller (Institute of Human, Social and Environmental Sciences (Argentina) and National University of Cuyo):
Dialogues regarding self-management search and reception from a Latin-American labour organisation during the long sixties
3. Nicola Lamri (University of Bologna/University of Polytechnique Hauts-de-France):
The Italian reception of the Algerian self-management experiment between myth and concrete support (1962-65)

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee / Tea Break

15.45 – 16.45 Roundtable Discussion (Research Perspectives, Publication, etc.)

Chair: Organisers

16.45 Cocktail