



The “Labour In Mining – Working Group” Newsletter

October 2021

Autumn is approaching, summer has ended, and a new season of lively conversations about labour in mining is about to begin. We are extremely happy to circulate events, readings, and proposals among our members. We hope you’ll enjoy it!

First, a bit of recap...

- *4th ELHN-WORCK Conference - Vienna 30th August-1st September 2021*

As you may know, LiM participated in the first in-person conference after 18 months of virtual presentations. We cannot express our joy and relief to see so many colleagues and new faces joining the Vienna conference.

As ELHN working group, we participated with 4 panel sessions and 11 speakers. The topic revolved around social and environmental impacts of mining from a long-term and broadly geographically conceived perspective. [Here you can find the list of selected papers and their abstracts](#)

The conference hosted an extremely fruitful discussion about implications for health, environment, and cultural as well as economic aspects of mining spanning from sixteenth-century Latin America to twentieth-century Spain.

[Here you can find a brief outline](#) of the main issues discussed and a general conclusions drafted by the coordinators and [here all the ELHN’s related posts](#) published on our blog.

Over the duration of the conference, LiM hosted formal and informal meetings to discuss future initiatives. On a more informal occasion, we met with other ELHN Working Groups to set the agenda for future collaborations. We are happy to anticipate that many interesting initiatives will take place together with the “Memory and Deindustrialization Working Group” and the “Labour and Family Economy” Working Group. Stay tuned, more info are about to come soon!

Another very important event that took place in Vienna was the election of the new ELHN president, which will take the seat for the next four years. Well, we are extremely happy to inform you that our

coordinator, friend, and thoughtful scholar of mining history Leda Papastefanaki has received the majority of votes and will serve as new president of the ELHN!

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Leda as coordinator of our working group, and we know she's going to do a great job as new ELHN president! Best of luck, Leda!

- **Patronage of the Summer course on “Minería histórica y nueva minería. De la historia socioeconómica al siglo XXI”** (“Historical mining and new mining. From socioeconomic history to the 21th century”), La Rábida (Huelva, Spain), 20 – 23 July, 2021.

LIM group, via one of its coordinators José Joaquín García Gómez, helped organizing the summer school “Minería histórica y nueva minería. De la historia socioeconómica al siglo XXI” (“Historical mining and new mining. From socioeconomic history to the 21th century”) that took place in La Rábida (Huelva, Spain), 20 – 23 July, 2021.

Take a look at the program in our blog: <https://lim.hypotheses.org/1131>

The three-days course led to a fruitful discussion about historical research on mining impacts in contemporary societies. We hope this is going to be the first of a fruitful series of collaborations to pursue under the LIM umbrella in the next years.

[Here you find a report](#) with main issues and preliminary conclusions of the Summer school.

News from Mining History world

Some events and conferences that you might have come across...

Past Conferences and seminars in Mining History or related disciplines

[*Comparing the Copperbelt, Oxford 17-19 June 2021*](#)

[Seminario Internacional Globalización, minería e impactos socioambientales, Huelva, 24-25 June 2021](#)

[Seminar : La Mine, une affaire d'Etat \(Mines, an affaire for the State\) – February-June 2021 \(monthly\)](#)

>> If you are organizing conferences, seminars or workshops about mining history and related disciplines, please send us information! We will be glad to share it via our social networks.

Coming soon

Publication

We are actively working to publish a selection of papers discussed in the 3rd ELHN 2019 Conference in Amsterdam. Our request for Special Issue to *AREAS-REVISTA INTERNACIONAL DE CIENCIAS SOCIALES*, was accepted. We are working on the papers to be published in June 2022.

Proposals for publication of the papers discussed in Vienna are under discussion. Stay tuned, updates will follow soon!

Workshop

We are looking forward to proposing collaborations with the Labour Remuneration working group. Over these years, we found that so many overlapping aspects of remuneration in mining labour will provide new insights into economies of labour, capitalism, and resource extraction from the early modern period onwards. We will give updates on this collaboration very soon!

What's always going on (and you might also contribute to!)

Articles Selection

Keep an eye on publications (articles and books) highlighted on our blog, where we regularly post in a series called "Articles Selection": <https://lim.hypotheses.org/734>

The latest issue Articles' selection:

[#9: Summer 2021](#)

[#10: Autumn 2021](#)

Books selection

We published in December 2020 the first issue of the series "*Books selection*" in which we list some interesting books published between 2019 and 2020 about mining history or related topics.

Discover the news from mining history published book [here](#).

A second issue will be published in December 2021. You are warmly invited to send us your suggestions!

New Blog Series

There are also some new series that appeared on our blog in 2021. First of all, **The Young Mining Historians' Corner**: every month a young member of the group is invited to introduce his/her research/thesis with a short post that will be published on the blog.

>> The series is still in search of contributors. We welcome short posts especially from young scholars (PhD, Post-Doc or similar). [Find here the CFP](#) and send it to every scholar that could be interested :

Collaborative Projects

In 2021, we also launched a collaborative project called **Mining History Database**: Database and open access sources have become crucial for historical research, especially during travel bans periods and limited mobility to archives. Therefore LiM launched a call for contribution to create a "database of databases" related to Mining History. The aim is to gather in one place many references of databases and sources available in open access.

New entries:

- ILOSTAT > Data: safety and health at work: possible to browse by economic activity and by country, 1970-2015

USA:

- Mining Artifacts' Historic Photo Galleries: A database of historic photos by US State and by country, with a descriptive summary.
- USGS Publications Warehouse. Geologic and mining reports of the USGS available for download. Publications series from the late- 1800's including Annual report of the United States Geological Survey; Bulletin of the United States Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, Mineralogical reports.

Australia:

- eGold: the electronic encyclopedia of gold in Australia website.
- Victoria Government Gazette 1836-1997: online archive of historic government gazettes including mining notices (Australia)
- Governor Hotham's 1855 inquiry into the condition of the goldfields.
- Digitised Maps and Paintings from Victoria State Library (open access)
- Maps and Bibliography of Australian Mining History

Find out the complete database here: <https://lim.hypotheses.org/874>

You are highly invited to send us notification about existing databases or open access sources' collection. [Here you find the call for contribution](#).

All the Calls for Contribution

All the information about Calls for Contribution are gathered in this blog permanent page: <https://lim.hypotheses.org/?p=888>

People and Networks

New Members

In 2021 we have welcomed:

- Shruti Iyer, PhD-researcher at Oxford University. Shruti's research focuses on the history of responsibility in occupational disease and explores transnational histories of colonial labour laws across Britain, South Africa and India.

Senior Members: information update

In 2021 we would like to update the member list: update your personal information using this [google sheet form](#) . If you do not find your name on the list, please add it.

You have time until 31st March 2022.

6. News on board

We are always open to suggestions and remarks. We are also glad to receive news from you and updates about your research. Write us: labourinmining@gmail.com

Do not forget to subscribe on our social networks: we are on Facebook and Twitter. Find all the information here: <https://lim.hypotheses.org/social-networks>

Wishing you all the best for the next month, we would like to fiercely encourage all our colleagues that are facing difficult moments related to the pandemic and its critical consequences on higher education.

Hold Hard and Stay Safe

Kind regards

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