











'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

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 27 September

Arrival of participants and check in at hotel Ibis, 52 Bd des Coquibus, 91000 Évry-Courcouronnes

19.30 Dinner at the restaurant of the hotel, Le Régent, Évry

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

- 1. Sophia Friedel: German "Mitbestimmung" as the ultimate means to democratize the workplace in Western Europe? A discourse analysis
- 2. Alexandre Bibert: French Views on Mitbestimmung from the 1950s to the early 1970s
- 3. Sara Lafuente Hernandez: The conceptual discussion around Workplace Participation and its implications for EU policy developments

11.30 - 11.45 Coffee / Tea Break

11.45 – 12.45 Keynote Lecture: How to write a transnational history of workplace democracy?

Keynote Speaker: Gerd-Rainer Horn

12.45 - 13.45 Lunch

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

Chair: Frank Georgi

- 1. Celine Marty: The Franco-Italian exchanges on self-management between Gorz and the operaists
- 2. Dusan Markovic: Serge Mallet in Yugoslavia: A story of an exchange of ideas
- 3. Guillaume Genoud: Regionalism, nationalism and self-management: The case of the Corsican trade-ujnionists of the FDT 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

- 1. Peter Ackers: Hugh Clegg the British Pluralist Voluntarist approach to Industrial Democracy (1945 to 1979)
- 2. Rebecca Zahn: Revealing the Role of Ideas in Labour Law's Development: Interactions between German exiled Trade Unionists and the British labour movement
- 3. Daniel Maul, Haldor Byrkejflot: *The Nordic Model of workplace Democracy in transnational perspective, 1970-2023*

17.00 - 17.30 Discussion / Concluding Remarks Day 1

19.00 Conference Dinner

Friday, 29 September

9.30 - 11.00 Panel 4: Economic democracy and socialism

Chair: Pedro Teixeira

- 1. Vladimir Unkovski and Aurélie Andry: Yugoslav Self-Management, the British Left and the Origins of the Alternative Economic Strategy
- 2. Aleksandar Miletic: Yugoslav Workers' Self-Management and the Western European Socialist and Social-Democratic Left
- 3. Vaclav Rames: 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: Aurélie Andry

- 1. Isabel Da Costa: Workplace Democracy through Collective Bargaining: from the national to the transnational level
- 2. Holm Köhler: Worker participation in transnational company actions in Europe

3. Charles Lurquin: *The ILOs approach to Workplace Democracy*

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Panel 6: Global circulations beyond Europe

Chair: Manfred Wannöffel

- 1. Benedetto Zaccaria: Sarajevo Caput Mundi The Global Dimension of the 1971 "Second Congress of Yugoslav Self-Managers"
- 2. Gabriela Scodeller: Dialogues regarding self-management search and reception from a Latin-American labour organisation during the long sixties
- 3. Nicola Lamri: 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 (Publication, Research Perspectives, etc)

Chair: Organisers

Evening free

Departure on Saturday, 30 September