

WORKLAB GENERAL CONFERENCE, November 5-7 2025
at Museum of Work in Hamburg, Germany

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5

- 17:30 Welcome reception, welcome note by Rita Müller (director of the Museum of Work)
- 18:30-19:00 guided tour (tba)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6

- 9:00-9:15 Arrival / Registration
- 9:15-9:20 Welcome and practical information
- 9:20-9:30 Welcome Address by Søren Bak-Jensen, Workers Museum Copenhagen, Chairman, WORKLAB General Assembly
- 9:30-10:00 Sandra Schürmann, Luisa Hahn (Museum of Work, Hamburg): Working on Workers' Cultures
- 10:00-12:20 SESSION 1
- 10:00-10:30 Josephine Albris (The Workers Museum, Copenhagen): There is a song in everything, that's where the light comes in
- 10:30-11:00 Hélène Aury / Marguerite Baradat (Musée de l'Histoire vivante, Montreuil): Colors of the labour movement in France, 19th-21st
- 11:00-11:20 coffee break
- 11:20-11:50 David Longford (Framework Knitters Museum, Nottinghamshire): "In A Cowslip's Bell I Lie": Discovering the Lost May Day Traditions and Customs of the Framework Knitters in Nottinghamshire
- 11:50-12:20 Aleksandra Selivanova (Bauhaus University, Weimar): Simulators, Templates, and Movement Guides: Reconstructing the Inventions and Training Equipment of the Central Institute of Labor, 1920-1939
- 12:20 - 13:20h Lunch
- 13:20 - 15:10 SESSION 2
- 13:20-13:50 Johannes Graf (German Clockmaking Museum, Furtwangen): Berthold Schneider's Autobiography. A Catholic worker recounts his life in the clockmaking industry in south-west Germany
- 13:50-14:20 Konstantina A. Hornek (University of Applied Arts, Wien): Voices and Moods on Tape

- 14:20-14:50 Almut Hertel (Industrial Museum Chemnitz/D): Metamorphosis of Workwear
- 14:50-15:10 coffee break
- 15:10-15:40 Richard A. Bachmann / Salem Elzway (University of Michigan): Automation
Madness 2.0: Recovering the Contentious Labor History of a National Museum
of American History Exhibit That Never Came to Be
- 15:40-16:10 Tara Bursey (Workers Arts & Heritage Centre, Hamilton/Ontario): All Together
Now!: Exhibiting Canadian labour union banners in digital space
- 16:10-16:40 Wrap-up of 1st day
- 16:40 – 17:30 guided tour (tba)
- 19:00 Dinner (Torhauskantine)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7

- 9:30-11:45 SESSION 3
- 9:30-10:00 Kalle Kallio (The Finnish Labour Museum, Helsinki): Mapping Labour Heritage
- 10:00-10:30 Søren Bak-Jensen (The Workers Museum, Copenhagen/DK): We are the
workers! Exhibiting the emergence, dominance, and decline of Danish workers
as a culturally defined community, 1870-1940.
- 10:30-10:45 coffee break
- 10:45-11:15 Andreas Praher (Museum Arbeitswelt Steyr/AT): Labour Lab. The Museum as
an interactive playground for social justice and democracy education
- 11:15-11:45 Niklas Cserhalmi (Museum of Work, Norrköping): Museums are places for
democracy – working with both sides of industry to reach citizens all over the
country
- 11:45-12:30 General Discussion
- 12:30-12:45 Concluding Remarks