

FeMig.Lab: Female Labour Migration in European History

Kick-off-Workshop

9-11 October 2024, Berlin

Labour migration is part of the common European 20th century history. Although it has contributed to shape European societies until today, it still finds only a marginal place in collective memory and educational curricula - even more so when it comes to female labour migrants. The transnational project FeMig.Lab will make more visible these herstories as well as their consequences for today's mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion of migrants and for intersectional structures of discrimination. Our aim is to counteract anti-migrant and sexist narratives at both local and transnational levels. To this end, we will bring together museums, memorials, cultural research institutions and migrant organizations throughout Europe to exchange and work on a differentiated and intersectional narrative about European migration history and its interconnectedness with colonialism, the Cold War, and the struggle for democratic and diverse societies. We will meet in different European places to learn more about the regional histories and different facets of female labour migration and educational approaches towards that topic. Furthermore, exemplary testimonies of female (labour) migrants will be collected and documented on an online platform as a digital exhibition, accompanied by tools to integrate and make more visible the presence and agency of female migrant workers throughout the European history in the 20th century into educational and exhibition programs.

During the project's kick-off workshop in October, we want to

- gain insights into the history and engagement of female labour migrants in the city of Berlin and educational projects,
- get to know each others work experiences and perspectives on the topic of female labour migration,
- elaborate the common goals of the project network and the steps ahead in the project,
- and discuss a first concept for an online platform/digital exhibition which should present exemplary testimonies of female (labour) migrants and educational tools as a long-term output of the project.

Please find the program and details about the locations, accommodations and travel costs, as well as for the presentations in the workshop below.

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Program

Location: Alt-Reinickendorf 25, 13407 Berlin

Wednesday, October 9

Time	Event
2:30 - 3	Arrival
3 – 3:30	Anna Hampel, Anne Oswald, Luis Antonio Gfall: Welcome and Introduction to the project FeMig.Lab
3:30 – 4:40	Introduction round of the project partners and participants <i>Get to know the expertises and perspectives in and on the field of Female Labour Migration (History)</i>
4:40 – 5:00	Coffee Break
5:00 – 6:30	Martin Düspohl: Female Labour Migrants in post-WWII Germany – Case Studies in Berlin and Educational Approaches
7:30	Group Dinner

Thursday, October 10

9:30 – 9:40	Welcome
9:40 – 10:30	Manuela Martini: Gendered Experiences of Work and Migration in Western Europe, 19th-20th Centuries
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30	Discussion: Female Labour Migration in Europe's collective memory and public discourse: What's there and what's needed? <i>Brainstorming about the common goals for the project from the perspectives of educators, researchers and activists</i>
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch break
2:30 – 3:30	Anne Oswald, Anna Hampel: Migration – Labour – Gender in the Online Education Platform "We Refugees Archive"
4:30 – 6:30	"Grenzgänge" City tour about female migrants' activism in Berlin in past and present <i>Neukölln</i>
	Evening at free disposal

Friday, October 11

9:30 – 10:30	Julia Oelkers: Presentation and Q&A about the multimedia web documentation projects “Eigensinn im Bruderland” (Minds of their own) and “De-Zentralbild” about migrants in the GDR
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	Discussion: Goals and Concept for an Online Education Platform <i>Brainstorming: Which resources are needed for making female labour migration history in Europe more visible? What should the online platform – as the long-term outcome of the project – provide?</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Conclusion, outlook and end of the workshop