The German Labour History Association e.V. is a not-for-profit association. Its aim consists in the:

„Advancement of research, presentation, documentation and education on the history of labour and of the labour movement as well as all social movements. This aim has to be realised through the ideational and material support of conferences, research projects, of museum and archival initiatives as well as educational measures in non-formal, school and university education on the history of labour and social movements. The association intends to foster the international exchange in Labour History through an effective network building with other labour history associations“ (§ 2 of the statute).

Illustrations:
Women workers employed as wipers in the roundhouse having lunch in their rest room, C. & N.W. R.R., Clinton, Iowa, 1943 (Library of Congress)
Conférence du travail à Genève, 1924 (gallica.bnf.fr / BnF)

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For some years now we can observe a new and vibrant interest in labour history. This new popularity draws on present-day developments, such as the debates on the history and presence of capitalism, on the experience of crisis and new social conflicts on the backdrop of globalisation. Yet it also is the result of theoretical and methodological innovations that made labour history appealing again for a younger group of historians.

Founded in 2017, the German Labour History Association addresses all people interested in labour history – inside and outside the universities, inside and outside historiography – and invites especially students and young researchers to contribute. It is a platform for all initiatives in labour history existing in the German-speaking context. It seeks to bring these projects into conversation with each other through workshops and conferences. Thereby, it supports the field of labour history and gives it institutional stability.

**Activities**

- **Research and Representation**
  - Biennial GLHA-Conferences
    - 2020: *On the Freedom of Labour in Capitalism*
  - GLHA Publication Series

- **Promoting Young Research**
  - Network Meetings
  - GLHA Dissertation Award
    - 2020: Melina Teubner: „A Arte de Cozinhar“. Slave Ship’s Cooks, Nutrition and Diaspora in the South Atlantic (c. 1800-1870)

**International Exchange**

- Global Labour History Network
- European Labour History Network

The German Labour History Association bundles the initiatives in labour history existing in the German-speaking context. It constitutes a platform in order to bring these isolated projects together in workshops and conferences. Thereby, it creates a sustaining frame shaping the field beyond subsequent cycles of funding and logics of project-based academic labour.