

**Call for papers: international workshop**

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**Women's work: an ongoing (r)evolution (19th-21st centuries)?**

This conference will look into changes in women's work in a historical and European context, in particular the ways in which the transition or passage from an agrarian-type economy to an industrial and post-industrial economy has affected women since the 19th century. It follows our international workshop which took place in Nantes on October 18, 2014 and will focus more particularly on Britain, France and Spain while not excluding other European countries.

The issues raised by this (r)evolution, for families and more specifically women, are multifaceted and complex. In the context of the (work) landscape and environment, one might consider first of all the issue of travel to and from work, or to and from factories in the light of changes between the 19th and 21st centuries. However, these days, there is once more a growing trend for women to work from home with the development for example of small Internet start-ups created by mothers who wish to combine work and parenthood.

In terms of material culture, this passage/transition has led to a radical transformation in the use and perception of production tools, which from being essentially physical items, like the spinning wheel or the weaving loom, have become dematerialised or virtual, as in the case of online companies.

Other possible thematics include the way in which women, at various times in history, have claimed or reclaimed ownership of these tools through arts and crafts activities and working from home; the possession (or not) of production tools and control or lack of control over working hours. In practice, how did the industrial revolution affect working women across Europe and what did it mean in terms not only of control and ownership of tools and machines but also of alienation and working hours?

Last but not least, there are today two different and radically opposed working environments, the first one in line with globalisation and the growing levels of competition and stress it generates among employees, and the second one resolutely turned towards self-employment and the Internet.

Relevant strands could include a study of the links between different areas such as women's history, employment history, territorial transformation, material culture and national heritage.

Proposals in English, French or Spanish including a 300 word summary and a short biographical note should be sent to [martine.stirling@univ-nantes.fr](mailto:martine.stirling@univ-nantes.fr) or [delphine.sangu@univ-nantes.fr](mailto:delphine.sangu@univ-nantes.fr) before April 1, 2016. A publication of selected articles will follow.

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