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Nordic Labour Internationalism in the 20th Century

Final Program

Workshop, January 15-16, 2026

University of Oslo, Niels Treschows hus, Twelfth floor

Thursday, January 15th

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| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch and welcoming, (Niels Treschows hus, Twelfth floor) |
| 13:00-13:15 | Formal welcome |
| 13:15-14:45 | First session

Sami Suodenjoki (Tampere University) "The Sacco-Vanzetti Case and Transnational Political Consumerism among the Nordic Labour in the 1920s"

Grazia Sciacchitano (Università degli Studi di Firenze; NTNU) "From relief to resistance: the Norske Spaniakomiteen and Spanish republican exiles"

Main Commentator: Sunniva Engh (University of Oslo) |
| 14:45-15:00 | Coffee break |
| 15:00-16:30 | Second session

Johan Svanberg (Stockholm University) "The Nordic Trade Union Voice in a Globalising Business World: The Swedish Trade Union Movement in Nordic Cooperation, 1957-1995"

Jouko Raitaniemi (European University Institute) "Nordic "neutral" social democracy and the global reshaping of democratic socialist internationalism, 1966-1989"

Main Commentator: Iben Bjørnsson (Försvarshögskolan) |
| 18:30 | Dinner at Stortorvets Gjæstgiveri (Grensen 1, 0159). |

Friday, January 16th

09:00-10:30 **Third session**

Eirik Wig Sundvall and Byron Rom-Jensen (University of Oslo), "A Tree in the Wind: The Social Democratic Cold War Campaign for Anna Kéthly"

Michał Gęsiarz (University of Poznan) "Norwegian Trade Unions and the Polish "Solidarność" — Between Solidarity and Global Entanglements"

Main Commentator: Silke Neunsinger (Swedish Labour Movement Archives and Library, Uppsala University)

10:30-10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45-12:15 **Fourth session**

Alexa Rae Burk (Geneva Graduate Institute) "From Surplus Dumping to Living Wages: Nordic Union Internationalism and the IUF's Challenge to FAO Food Aid Agendas (1950-1970)"

Lingrui Hu (Sun Yat-sen University) "An Echo of Silence: The Paradoxical Legacy of Swedish Labour Internationalism in Kenya"

Main Commentator: Daniel Maul (University of Oslo)

12:15-13:15 **Lunch**

13:15-14:45 **Fifth session**

Lars-Erik Hansen (TAM-Arkiv; Oslo Metropolitan University) "Nordic Teachers' Unions and the Making of a Transnational Professional Community"

Ken Bjerregard (Linköping University) "The Cooperation of Nordic Bank Unions — a Middle-Class Project?"

Main Commentator: Daniel Maul (Hansen) and Sunniva Engh (Bjerregard)

14:45-15:30 **Planning forward**