

Women and Men at Work in Preindustrial Europe

Methodological Challenges and Comparative Results

25-27 September 2025, Urbino

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25 September 2025 - Women and Men at Work in Preindustrial Italy

9:00-11:00

Raffaella Sarti (Università di Urbino Carlo Bo)

Welcome

Andrea Caracausi (Università di Padova)
Marina Garbellotti (Università di Trento)
Raffaella Sarti (Università di Urbino Carlo Bo)

Concepts, Methodology and Categories

Cora Benetti (Università di Urbino Carlo Bo)
Francesca Ferrando (Università di Verona)
Veronica Gallego Manzanares (Università di Padova)

Sources: Gain and Pitfalls

11:30-13:30

Andrea Caracausi (Università di Padova)
Veronica Gallego Manzanares (Università di Padova)
Mattia Viale (Università di Verona)

Everyday Work in the 17th- and 18th-Century Italian Countryside:
A Qualitative Perspective

Beatrice Zucca Micheletto (Università di Torino)

Work and the Gender Division of Labour in a Preindustrial City
(Turin, 1792-1799)

15:00-17:00

Francesca Ferrando (Università di Verona)

Gender and Work in Italian Port Cities: Genoa and Venice Between
the 18th and 19th Centuries

Cora Benetti (Università di Urbino Carlo Bo)
Raffaella Sarti (Università di Urbino Carlo Bo)

Work in Central Italy from a Gendered Perspective: The Case of
Urbino (18th–19th Centuries)

17:30-19:30

Marina Garbellotti (Università di Verona)
Cinzia Lorandini (Università di Trento)

Work and Gender in an Alpine Region: The Case of Trentino (19th
Century)

Andrea Caracausi (Università di Padova)
Marina Garbellotti (Università di Trento)
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Gender and Labour in Pre-industrial Italy in the Long-Run

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26 September 2025 - European Perspectives

9:00-11:00

Anna Bellavitis (Université de Rouen)

DEFI: Droits, Economies, Femmes, Italie: Gender and Agency in Venice, Florence, Naples, Palermo, 16th-18th century

Carmen Sarasua (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Were Women the First in Leaving the Land? The *Atlas of manufactures in preindustrial Spain*

11:30-13:30

Margareth Lanzinger (Universität Wien)

Gender and Work in the Early Modern Period: Some Observations from German-speaking Contexts

Jane Whittle (University of Exeter) – online

The Gender Division of Labour in Early Modern England: Updated

15:30-18:30

Round table

Maria Ågren (Uppsala Universitet)

Corine Maitte (Université Gustave Eiffel, Marne-la-Vallée)

Sheilagh Ogilvie (University of Oxford)

Open discussion

27 September 2025

9:30-13:30

Meeting of the PRIN research group

Visit to the Ducal Palace of Urbino (12:00 ca.)

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