



ZARAH



ZARAH DB - Open Science in practice

based on the

**ERC Advanced Grant project “ZARAH:
Women’s Labour Activism in Eastern
Europe and
Transnationally, from the Age of Empires
to the Late 20th Century”**

**at Central European University, Vienna
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Week at Corvinus University,

Budapest, 25 October 2022

This presentation builds on

- The ZARAH research proposal as accepted by the ERC
- Work related to ZARAH DB, (lead-responsibility: Alexandra Ghit, contributions by the PI and other members of the ZARAH research team)
- ERC Open Research Data Management Plan (DMP)
- ZARAH Ethics Handbook and ZARAH Guidelines (lead-responsibility: Veronika Helfert, contributions by the PI and other members of the ZARAH research team)
 - Based on initial ethics self-assessment and ERC Ethical Review

ZARAH at a glance

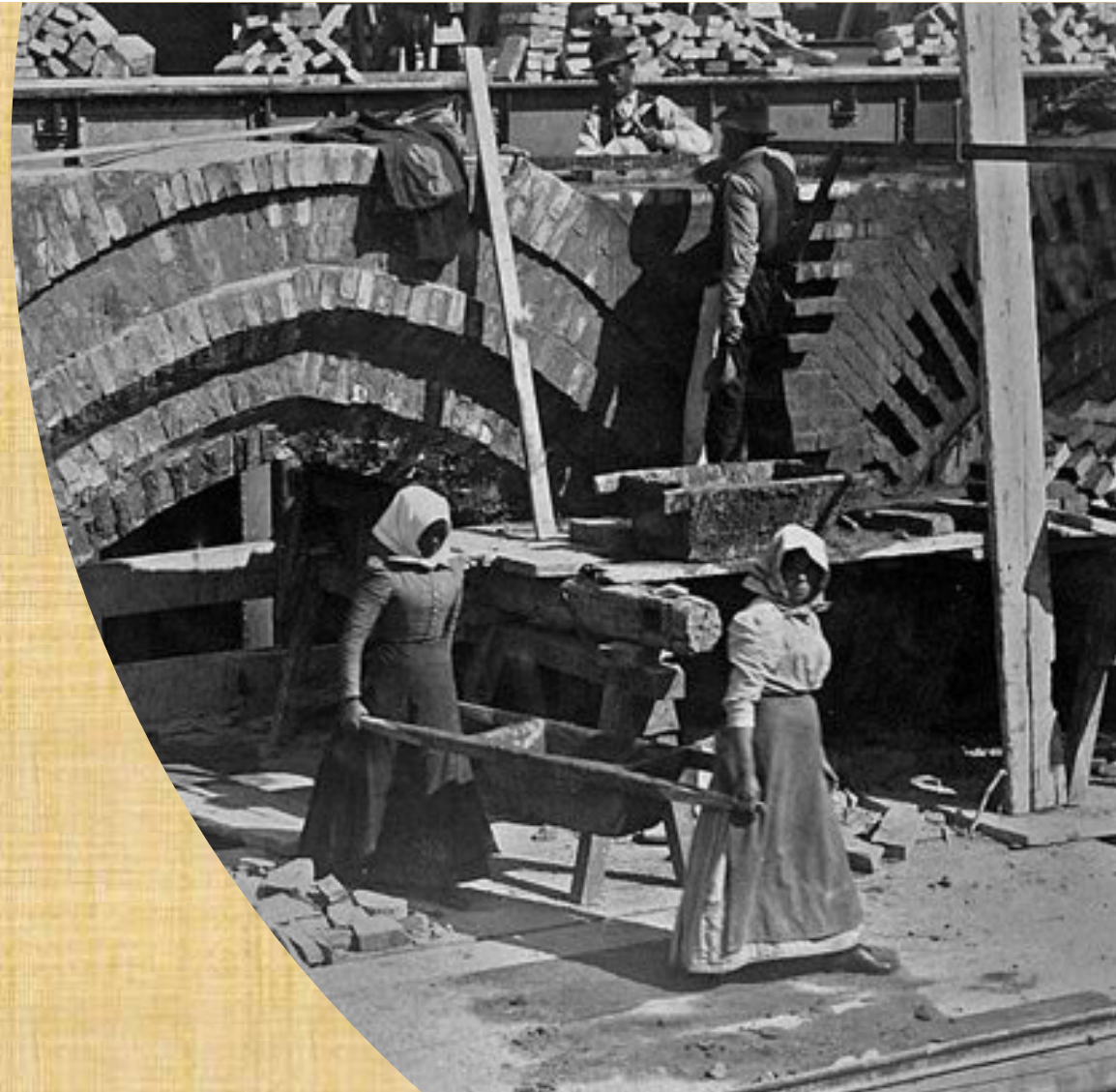
What we do

- Study the history of women's labour activism and organizing
- Include many types of activism and organizing and women of many political persuasions
- Explore how they aimed to improve the labour conditions and life circumstances:
 - of lower- and working-class women and their communities
 - in the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires, the post-imperial nation states, and internationally
 - from the late 19th to the late 20th century

Budapest rent strikes, 1910 (Courtesy: Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library, Budapest, Hungary)

ZARAH at a glance

- 9 Component studies (PI + doctoral and post-doctoral researchers) and collaborative work
- Research output:
 - Individual open access publications, Collaborative volume, edited volume, public history volume
 - ZARAH blog <https://zarah-ceu.org/blog/>
 - ZARAH DB <https://public.zarahdb.eu/>
 - Public history website (to be developed)
- Software and database developer



Brickworkers, Budapest, 1904 (Courtesy: Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library, Budapest, Hungary)



ZARAH DB

- A collaborative research tool for research and dissemination
- Openly accessible (FAIR data principles): serving research community and broader public
- Data is entered continuously until 2025. After project closure, ZARAH DB accessible via a repository for research data

Making data findable

- Selected key sources, documents and OH interviews: mirroring the research process, from public and private institutions, collections across and beyond the region
- English-language research data + machine-recognized content in the languages related to the countries of the component studies (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech lands, Hungary, Polish lands, Romania, Turkey, Yugoslavian lands)
- Meta-data: over 30 data fields categories, key words, short abstracts produced by historians of gender and labour
- Detailed bibliographic reference (full citation) Zotero library
- Searchable: advanced search, free text search, (uploaded documents are OCR-ed)

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DATABASE

FOR RESEARCHERS

DATA

ABOUT

A SZOT Titkárság állásfoglalása a nőpolitikai határozat további végrehajtására
[Statement of the SZOT Secretariat on the further execution of the women politics decision]

ITEM TYPE

Document

DATE

7 October 1971

LANGUAGE

Hungarian, English

ARCHIVE

Politikatörténeti Intézet Levéltára [Institute of Political History, Archives, PIL], (now transferred to Magyar Nemzeti Levéltár [National Archives of Hungary], MNL), Budapest, Hungary

ARCHIVE LOCATION

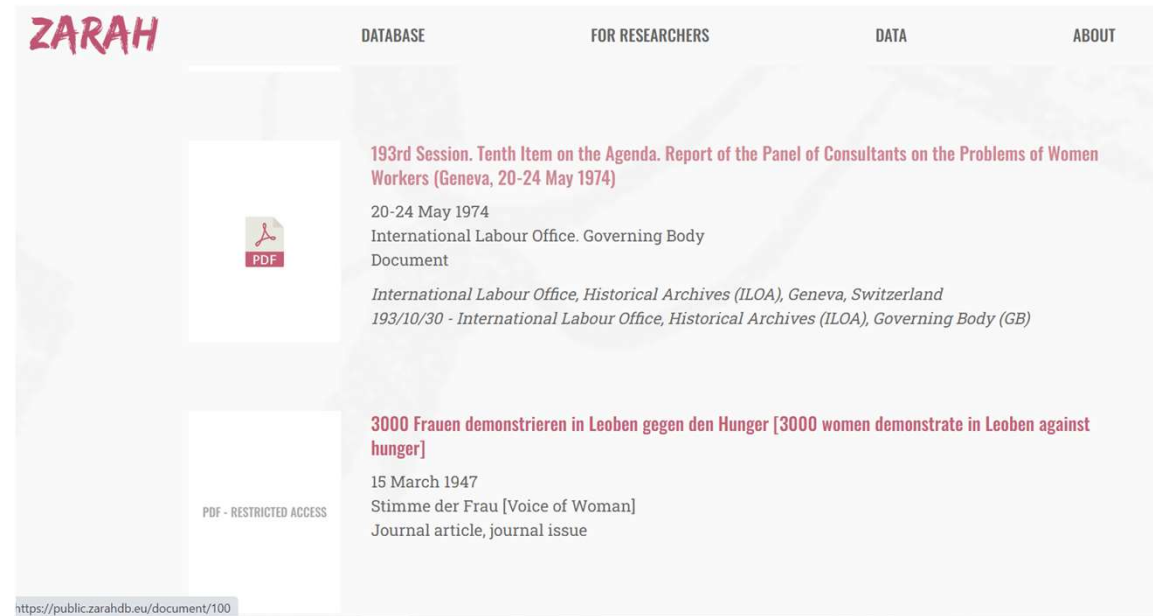
3 doboz [box] 4 őrzési egység [storage unit] - Szakszervezetek Központi Levéltára [Central Trade Unions' Archive, SZKL], 1971, 2. f. 19

ABSTRACT

The document gives a detailed statement by the Szakszervezetek Országos Szövetsége, Titkárság [National Federation of Trade Unions, SZOT, Secretariat] which followed up on the *1970 directives on women's issues*, which, comprised a series of top-level directives, triggered major reform and institutional restructuring, altering and broadening the mandate of women's politics pursued by the state-socialist regime in Hungary; the 1970 decision-making assigned important tasks to the trade unions in Hungarian women's politics.

Making data openly accessible

- Openly available and restricted data
- Openly available: **meta data**
- Information available about **primary documents, OH interviews** shaped by:
 - preferences of archival institutions,
 - interview subjects granting reproduction permission,
 - privacy rights,
 - non-exposure of sensitive data (EU's General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and other applicable norms)



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- (Public) availability of interviews conducted by ZARAH team members: interview transcript and/or audio recording: depending on grade of interviewee anonymity and choice on the storing of their data
- Access to data: different privacy options for ZARAH team members (administrative interface) and the public (public interface)
- For details about our terms of use and personal information protection, please consult the dedicated pages: <https://public.zarahdb.eu/terms-of-use> and <https://public.zarahdb.eu/privacy-notice>

ZARAH Information Sheet (Interview)

- Information on the project and its purposes, including the use of the information obtained during the interview;
- Details on the selection of the interviewees;
- Description of the informed consent procedure as applied, including information about any risk that might occur because of dissident political opinion
- Various options for concealing personal data;
- Information on the secure storage of all related data (digital recording, transcription, personal data) throughout the project duration and the final deposition (or destruction) of all interview-related data, following the conclusion of the project.
- Information on the disclosure policy in case of incidental findings.

ZARAH Informed Consent Form

- The options explained in the Information Sheet regarding interview format, interview data, and personal data, to be chosen by ticking one of the alternative boxes;
- Information on the interviewees' right to withdraw their consent and abandon the interview at any time and without retribution, and on the fact that data for volunteers who withdraw will be destroyed immediately;
- Options to be chosen by the interviewee regarding the final deposition (or destruction) of all interview-related (including personal) data following the conclusion of the project;
- A separate item (the ZARAH Informed Consent Form (Supplement Sheet)) concerns the confirmation of information on acceptance of ZARAH's research ethics as summarized with reference to the description given in ZARAH's Ethics self-assessment, and attached to the ZARAH Informed Consent Form;
- Information on the disclosure policy in case of incidental findings.

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- The ZARAH researcher documents the lawful basis for accessing and collecting data (e.g. email-exchange on ordering material and making appointments for research, archival permission to study given sets of pre-ordered materials, copies of archival hand-out forms for boxes of material, etc.);
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Data security

- Transfer of data as soon as possible from recording devices to encrypted laptop and deletion of photos/scans from the recording devices.
- Regular transfer of data from the laptop to the ZARAH Depository and ZARAH DB.
- The uploading of the ZARAH Documentation of Use of Original Material Form together with the Relevant Forms of the Institution (if applicable) to the ZARAH Depository.

Three pillars of permissions

- Applicable archival laws (when consulting material). Permission of the institution or the individual that holds them. Documentation of all additional information archival institutions or archive-holding individuals provide.
- Copyright regulations.
- Protection of personal rights (GDPR) and keeping to ZARAH Ethics principles.

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