

Historical Labor Markets in Text

Computational and Historical Perspectives on Labor Market Evolution

Workshop Program for 24–25 April 2026

University of Graz (Elisabethstraße 59, 3rd floor, 8010 Graz)

Format: Each presentation should be 30 minutes and after we have 15 minutes for discussion.

Friday, 24 April 2026

Time	Session 1	Session 2
12:00–13:00	Arrival and snacks	
13:00–13:10	Welcome	
13:10–14:40	Patrick Wallis <i>Smithian Growth in Britain before the Industrial Revolution, 1500–1800</i>	Marco H. D. van Leeuwen <i>Biographical Dictionaries: Inroads in Terra Incognita</i>
14:40–15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00–16:30	Wiebke Schulz (online) <i>When Do Occupations Bundle Tasks? Occupational Closure and Task Prototypicality in Job Advertisements</i>	Margarita Gatsou & Lara Andermann <i>Occupational Change in a Modernizing City, 1845–1938</i>
16:30–17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00–18:30	Wiltrud Mölzer & Jörn Kleinert <i>Applying HISCO to Historical Newspaper Job Ads: Opportunities and Challenges from Austrian Labor Market Data, 1850–1950</i>	Tobias Karlsson <i>Comparing Job Ads in Historical Newspapers to Statistics Reported by Public Employment Offices</i>

Saturday, 25 April 2026

Time	Session 1	Session 2
09:00–10:30	Johanna Ofenauer & Raven Adam <i>Turning Historical Job Ads into Structured Digital Resources</i>	Mathias Johansson <i>Building a Job Ads Database from Swedish Digitized Newspapers</i>
10:30–10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45–12:15	Thomas Monk <i>Occupational Reinvention: Evidence from a Century of Task and Technology Data</i>	Kara Kuebart <i>Exploration of Labour Market Ads in Structured Newspaper Corpora</i>
12:15–12:30	Coffee Break	
12:30–13:15	Sebastian Haumann <i>Advertising as Economic Practice: Determining Value on the Housing Market</i>	
