

## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF SOCIAL HISTORY

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-ization	enquiry	practice (noun)
acknowledgement	focused	practise (verb)
ageing	fulfil/fulfilling	premise
analyse	Global South/Global North	programme
appendices	indices	reflection
centre	judgement	regime
colour	medieval	role (no accent)
connection	Mould	sceptic/skeptical
cooperate	New Left	socio-economic
defence	neo-liberal	World War I, World War II
dispatch	no-one	

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*Essays in collections:* Yves Lequin, “Apprenticeship in Nineteenth-Century France. A Continuing Tradition or a Break with the Past?”, in Steven Laurence Kaplan and Cynthia J. Koepp (eds), *Work in France: Representations, Meaning, Organization, and Practice* (Ithaca, NY [etc.], 1986), pp. 457–474, 459.

*Multi-authored or edited works:* Peter Armstrong *et al.*, *White Collar Workers, Trade Unions and Class* (London [etc.], 1986), pp. 87–93.

*Theses or dissertations:* H.F. Gospel, “Employers’ Organisations: Their Growth and Function in the British System of Industrial Relations in the Period 1918-39” (Ph.D., London School of Economics, 1974), pp. 15–20 [hereafter, “Employers’ Organisations 1918–39”].

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Archives Nationales, Paris [hereafter, AN], Register E, MS JJ26, fo. 302v.

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Kirk, “In Defence of Class”, pp. 6–8.

Poole, *Theories of Trade Unionism*, pp. 18–30.

Michael Sonenscher, “Journeyman’s Migrations and Workshop Organization in Eighteenth-Century France”, in Kaplan and Koepp, *Work in France*, pp. 74–96, 88.

AN, Register E, MS JJ26, fo. 306r.

Gneist to Müller, 26 July 1848,

*But*, Gneist to Müller, 28 July 1848, DZAM, Rep. 92 v. Gneist, no. 22, fos 83r–84r, 87.

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