

Preface

This collection emerges from a variety of growing and developing interests in the study of deindustrialization. Initially the realm of labour historians, the exploration of deindustrialization has sparked a broad and fruitful network across many disciplines and fields of study, including geography, anthropology, sociology, history, heritage, memory and tourism studies. The starting point for this edited volume lies in a working group on historical cultures of labour under conditions of deindustrialization, which began to critically study and reflect on this nascent theme in 2015. It grew from a group of researchers who were part of the European Labour History Network (ELHN) into a wider collective of academics and practitioners across North America, Europe and Australia. This particular collection of chapters developed from an open call for papers inspired from the working group's day-long workshop at the second ELHN Conference in Paris, France in November 2017.