

Trade union periodicals online

Four new digitized collections of source materials relating to the trade unions are now available for online consultation. They contain the periodicals of the Syndicale Kommissie(Trade Union Commission) and het Belgisch Vakverbond, precursors of the socialist trade union ABVV.

These collections contain 1119 PDF files in total. Every file refers to one issue of a particular periodical. Files are freely accessible via the Amsab-ISH digital server, digital.amsab.be. An OCR-programme allows you to perform full-text search of these files. The entire collection of pre-war Belgian socialist trade union periodicals is now available for consultation on the Internet.

The Journal des Correspondances (1903-1914) and Het Korrespondentieblad (1907-1914), its counterpart in Flanders, were the official newsletters of the Syndicale Kommissie(Trade Union Commission) of the Belgian Workers Party(BWP) before the First World War. Le Mouvement Syndical Belge and De Belgische Vakbeweging were the successors to these papers in December 1918. In the 1930s thematic supplements appeared about labour and justice, and about trade union youth activities. The editorial staff of these newsletters included prominent socialists such as Hendrik De Man, Arthur Jauniaux and Joseph Bondas.