

**The archivist, the researcher and the activist:  
challenges of collaboration from a historical and comparative perspective**

ACTIVATE WP2 Hybrid Seminar #2

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli (Milan) and online

Viale Pasubio 5, 20154 Milano

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**9:30 Welcome**

**10:00-10:10 Opening remarks**

-**Francesco Grandi** (Fondazione G. Feltrinelli)

-**Francesca Furst** (Soprintendenza Archivistica e Bibliografica della Lombardia)

**10:10-10:20 Introduction**

**Serena Rubinelli** (Fondazione G. Feltrinelli), **Caroline Moine** (University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines/CHCSC) and **Eric de Ruijter** (International Institute of Social History)

**10:30-12:15 Starting and keeping the dialogue alive**

Chair: **Eric de Ruijter** (IISH)

-**Ron Augustin**: *Rote Armee Fraktion Collection and related collections of the internationalist Left of the 1960s-1990s at the IISH*

-**Virginia Gg Niri**: *Historymakers. Voices from Active Participation in the Archivio dei Movimenti, Genoa*

-**Alice Giglia** (Fondazione G. Feltrinelli): *How to (not) archive struggles? Archivi del presente project and its challenges*

Open discussion

**12:15-13:30 Lunch**

### 13:30-15:15 Blurring and shifting roles

Chair: **Caroline Moine** (UVSQ/CHCSC)

-**Camila Sapp** (CONICET): *Beyond the repository: The experience of building the Digital Center for Historical Documentation – CEDIDH of Córdoba (Argentina)*

-**Innocent Oling** (Makerere University): *Activating Dissent under Constraint. Methodological Challenges of archiving struggles in Contemporary Uganda*

-**Csaba Szilagyi** (Blinken OSA Archivum, Central European University): *Activating archives in support of human rights and social justice*

Open discussion

### 15:15-15:45 Break

### 15:45-17:30 Rethinking participatory archiving in present day

Chair: **Federico Mazzini** (University of Padua)

-**Carlo Giacon** (University of Macerata): *Resistant Archiving: participatory practices for past and present memories*

-**Per Backhuis** and **Rosemary Grennan** (IISH): *From transfer to knowledge sharing. Rethinking the collection development of activism and social movements in the digital age*

-**Jeroen Fernandez-Alonso** (Amsab-Institute of Social History): *Preserving the presence of activists on social media. The challenges of participatory archiving with hyperlocal groups*

Open discussion

### 17:30-17:45 Break

**17:45-18:30 Final discussion** with **Jeffrey Schnapp** (Harvard Metalab) and guest contributors, coordinated by **Vittore Armani** (Fondazione G. Feltrinelli)

### 18:30 -18:40 Closing remarks

**Vittore Armani, Caroline Moine** and **Eric de Ruijter**

### 18:40-19.00 Archive visit