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Women Historians and East Central European Historiography: Opportunities and Inequalities

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Overview

The realm of historiography in East Central Europe has long been characterized by a dichotomy that marginalizes both women and gender studies. As Krassimir Daskalov and Susan Zimmermann articulated in 2015, "East Central European historiography has tended to marginalise women and gender, while gender history has tended to marginalise East Central Europe." This observation serves as the basis for our exploration of women's representation in scholarship and historiographical research in the region. Given the significant changes that academia and, by extension, historiography have undergone throughout the twentieth and into the twenty-first century, we aim to provide a comparative analysis and debate to uncover the consequences of these changes for women pursuing careers in history in different countries of the region.

Our scholarly discussion is guided by key questions about:
- Gender and Career Trajectories: In what ways has gender shaped the careers of women historians regarding social and cultural capital? What barriers do they face in advancing within academic hierarchies?
- Strategies for Navigation: What strategies have women historians employed to navigate their positions within the academic hierarchy? How do these strategies reflect broader societal norms and expectations?
- Perception of Representation: To what extent do women historians perceive d and perceive themselves as underrepresented in public expert discourse concerning historical narratives? How does this perception impact their work and engagement with the public?

Ultimately, we aim to investigate the interplay between gender, historiography, and academia, particularly in the context of the political and social transformations that have occurred in the region.

Participants

Convenor

- Barbara Klich-Kluczewska (Jagiellonian University in Kraków)
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Commentator

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Panelists

- Iwona Dadaj (Aleksander-Brückner-Zentrum für Polenstudien, Halle)
- Georgeta Nazarska (University of Library Studies and IT, Sofia, Bulgaria)
- Michaela Antonín Malaníková (Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic)
- Kateryna Kobchenko (University of Münster)

Papers

Historikerinnen Europas im Kampf um Anerkennung und Sichtbarkeit jenseits und diesseits Academia, 1890-1939, mit Beispielen aus Polen und Deutschland

Iwona Dadaj (Aleksander-Brückner-Zentrum für Polenstudien, Halle)

Female Historians among Bulgarian Academics. Career Paths in the 1920s-1980s

Georgeta Nazarska (University of Library Studies and IT, Sofia, Bulgaria)

‘The Future Is Not Enough for Feminists’? Czech Medieval Women’s/Gender History as a Scholarly Field since 1918.

Michaela Antonín Malaníková (Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic)

Natalia Polonska-Vasylenko: the intellectual biography of a Ukrainian female historian in/beyond the Frameworks of gender and (trans)national history of the 20th century

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