

Annual Report of the Key Research Area "Women's and Gender History" of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies 2023

Vortrag Zsófia Lóránd: Do We Care What Women Think? Women's Political Thought and Feminist Methodologies in East Central Europe, 5.6.2023, 6.30 pm, Erika-Weinzierl-Saal, University of Vienna

Women's political thought has been on the margins of intellectual history until very recently, especially when it is the ideas of women in and from East Central Europe. Women however have been describing, discussing and even debating the conditions of good society and a fair state for a long time, and made crucial contributions to the feminist, as well as socialist negotiations of the matter throughout the 20th century. Looking at women's political thought in East Central Europe in the 20th century, one finds the most original ways of reconceptualizing the political so that it includes the lived realities of women from all walks of life.

In her talk, Zsófia Lóránd demonstrated through examples from Hungary and Yugoslavia how feminist methodologies enable us to subvert gendered hierarchies in the history of political thought.

The event was financially supported by the FGG Research Focus together with the Research Focus Democracy and Human Rights and was organized by Gabriella Hauch, Johanna Gehmacher, Lisa Kirchner, Paula Lange and Michaela Neuwirth

L'Homme-Presentations & A Celebration for Christa Hämmerle, 6.10.2023, 5.00-9.00 pm, Sky Lounge, Oskar Morgenstern-Platz 1

On October 6, 2023, the hybrid event L'Homme Presentations & A Celebration for Christa Hämmerle took place in the Sky Lounge (Oskar-Morgensternplatz 1, 1090 Vienna) on the occasion of Christa Hämmerle's retirement, attended by 69 people on site and around 15 people via zoom.

After the ceremonial welcoming speech by the Dean of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Christina Lutter, and introductory words by Claudia Kraft (chief editor), who led through the program, the current issues of L'Homme (2/2022 "Schmerz", 1/2023 "Kinder in Heimen" and 2/2023 "Natur") were presented by the respective editors and Ingrid Bauer.

In addition Dietlind Hüchtker provided an outlook on the issue "Ukraine" (1/24), which is intended to offer Ukrainian scientists the opportunity to publish their research in the field of women's and gender history.

The second part of the event was dedicated to Christa Hämmerle and began with a lively and witty musical contribution by Theresa Adamski, Li Gerhalter and Julia Lenart on Christa Hämmerle's academic work. The subsequent laudatory speech by Wolfgang Schmale (see <https://wolfgangschmale.eu/laudatio-auf-christahaemmerle/>) was followed by short speeches by Markus Scheutz (for the IfG), Sigrun Bohle (on Christa Hämmerle's commitment to women's history during her studies), Peter Eigner (for the WISO), Li Gerhalter (for the Sammlung Frauennachlässe), Heidrun Zettelbauer (for L'Homme Z. F. G.), Regina Mühlhäuser (for SVAC), Andrea Lehner-Hartmann (for GAIN), Nicolas Stargardt (on the scientific exchange between him and Christa Hämmerle in Oxford) as well as Lisa Kirchner and Julia Lennart (on behalf of the students). The program was rounded off by a speech of thanks from Christa Hämmerle. The event was followed by wine, an oriental buffet and cakes.

17. Workshop des FSPs FGG „Feministische Akteur:innen im Kontext von Kolonialismus und Postkolonialismus“, 10.11.2023, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, Marietta-Blau-Saal, University of Vienna

The 17th workshop of the key research area "Women's and Gender History" of the Faculty of History and Cultural Studies on November 10, 2023 was dedicated to the intersections of postcolonial studies, critical whiteness studies and women's and gender history.

In Central Europe, the connections between feminisms and post/colonialism are still little researched in many areas. At the same time, there is a growing interest in topics related to post/colonialism, which is also increasingly reflected in specialist literature, conferences and socio-political debates and can be based primarily on the research already carried out by People of Color and Black people. In order to build on these contributions, this year's workshop of the Women's and Gender History research focus dealt with the historical interdependencies of post/colonialism and feminism from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The interdisciplinarity also characterized the presentations of the participants, which took place in different geographical and temporal contexts and used different methodological and theoretical approaches. The three panels "Women and women's associations as (post)colonial actors", "Biographical perspectives on (anti-)colonialism" and "Anti- and postcolonial resistances" as well as the keynote entitled "The coloniality of gender: perspectives on subjectivations in (post-)colonial orders" by Denise Bergold-Caldwell showed how the inclusion of the category of gender can broaden the historical perspective on post/colonial principles of order and practices of domination and how closely concepts of gender(s) and coloniality are linked.

Both in the lectures and in the subsequent discussions, the role of archives and the approach to source materials in this field of research were repeatedly addressed and joint considerations were made as to how interdisciplinarity can be redesigned and in what form a stronger interweaving of postcolonial studies and women's and gender history can be anchored at the University of Vienna.

The workshop was financially supported by the research area "women's and gender history", the Institute of History and the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies; the organizers were Johanna Gehmacher, Gabriella Hauch, Lisa Kirchner, Paula Lange and Michaela Neuwirth.

Preview of future activities in 2024

Vortrag Levke Harders, (Wie) *race* als intersektionale Kategorie historisch operationalisieren? Auf den Spuren von Fremdheit, Religion und geografischer Herkunft in europäischen Migrationen des 19. Jahrhunderts [(How) to operationalize *race* as an intersectional category historically? On the traces of foreignness, religion and geographical origin in European migrations of the 19th century], 18.1.2024, Erika-Weinzierl-Saal, University of Vienna.

***at the Library book presentation: Johanna Gehmacher, Feminist Activism, Travel and Translation Around 1900. Transnational Practices of Mediation and the Case of Käthe Schirmacher**, 5.3.2024, Contemporary History Library.

Event „Geschlecht und Revolution“ on the occasion of the retirement of Univ.Prof.in Gabriella Hauch and book presentation ÖZG „Was ist radikal?“,
17.6.2024, Sky Lounge, Oskar Morgenstern-Platz 1.

Internationaler Workshop: „The New Woman in Red Vienna“ as well as a public lecture: „Die Geschlechterpolitik des Roten Wien“, June 2024.

18th of the Key Research Area "Women's and Gender History", autumn 2024.