



Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

**Feminist Thought and Socialism in Eastern Europe between 1945-1989:
a Global Perspective**

**Badia, MW Common Room,
11-13 February 2016**

In cooperation with the CEU Pasts, Inc. Centre for Historical Studies, Budapest and the Department of History and Civilization of the EUI

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The history of feminism under state socialism in Eastern Europe is just as contested as the entire history of the relations between socialism and feminism. Arguments vary from claims that socialist regimes in this region between WWII and 1989 were feminist (state feminism, communist feminism), to statements that there was no feminism under state socialism whatsoever. This workshop is multidisciplinary in the sense that the sources it focuses on belong to a wide range of disciplines and genres, from politics to the arts and literature, to party documentation. Moreover, the issues it raises about state and society, human rights and democracy versus authoritarianism may be of interest to scholars from other disciplines. The main focus of the workshop is how feminist thought under state socialism in East Central Europe can be assessed from an intellectual, historical perspective. We also find it important that the PhD researchers of the EUI can share their ideas with the Max Weber Fellows and our guests; therefore the scope of the workshop is opened up towards social and political history too.

The programme is open to the entire EUI community.

Workshop Programme:

Thursday, 11th February

- 17.00 Opening Remarks
Richard Bellamy, Director of the Max Weber Programme (MWP EUI)
Pieter Judson, Head of Department (EUI HEC)
Zsófia Lóránd, convener of the workshop (MWF HEC, EUI)
- 17.15 – 18.30 Authors, texts, debates on feminism and women's rights in East Central Europe: Women's Organisations and the State
- ◆ Krassimira Daskalova (St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia): *A Woman Politician in the Cold War Balkans: From Biography to History*
 - ◆ Denisa Nečasová (Masaryk University, Brno): *The Communist Party and Women's Organizations in Czechoslovakia 1948-1967*

Chair : Richard Bellamy (MWP EUI)
Comments: Francisca de Haan (CEU, Budapest)

19.30 Dinner upon invitation

Friday, 12th February

9.30 – 11.00 Authors, texts, debates on feminism and women's rights in East Central Europe: Transnational, Global, Local Perspectives

- ◆ Francisca de Haan (CEU, Budapest): *Feminism and Communism Revisited: The Need for a Global Perspective*
- ◆ Anna Frisone (PhD Researcher, EUI HEC): *Trade Union Feminism Across Borders: A Comparative Perspective of 1970s Italian and French Experiences*

Chair: Krassimira Daskalova (St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia)
Comments: Pavel Kolář (EUI HEC)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30—13.00 Authors, texts, debates on feminism and women's rights in East Central Europe: Intellectuals and Politics

- ◆ Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz (Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Literary Research, Warsaw): *Sociological Wave – Feminist Academics in Socialist Poland*
- ◆ Adela-Gabriela Hincu (CEU, Budapest): *Reading Feminism in Socialist Romania: Labor, Power, and the Global in The Condition of Women*
- ◆ Zsófia Lóránd (MWF HEC, EUI): *Feminist Intellectual Opposition in Tito's Yugoslavia*

Chair: Balázs Trencsényi (CEU, Budapest)
Comments: Ann Thomson (EUI HEC)

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch upon invitation

15.00 – 16.20 Authors, texts, debates on feminism and women's rights in East Central Europe: Equality Policies and Women's Everyday Life I.

- ◆ Esther Wahlen (PhD Researcher, EUI): *Family Violence in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia (1968-1989)*
- ◆ Enriketa Pandelejmoni (University of Tirana): *Women's Activism and Emancipation in Socialist Albania*

Chair: Zsófia Lóránd (MWF HEC, EUI)
Comments: Balázs Trencsényi (CEU, Budapest)

16.20 – 16.40 Coffee break

16.40 – 18.00 Authors, texts, debates on feminism and women's rights in East Central Europe: Equality Policies and Women's Everyday Life I.

- ◆ Julija Sardelić (MWF SPS, EUI): *Roma Women and their Visibility, Agency and Resistance*
- ◆ Maryna Batsman (PhD Researcher, EUI HEC): *Ukrainian Women's Organisations and the State*

Chair: Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz (Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Literary Research, Warsaw)

Comments: Krassimira Daskalova (St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia)

19.30 Dinner *upon invitation*

Saturday, 13th February

9.30 – 11.00 Roundtable about the possibilities of the writing of intellectual history of feminism in East Central Europe.

Participants: Pavel Kolář (EUI HEC), Ann Thomson (EUI HEC), Balázs Trencsényi (CEU, Budapest)

Chair: Zsófia Lóránd (MWF HEC, EUI)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Conclusions, future plans
Presenters and panel chairs only.