

International Conference

Women's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond 19th and 20th Centuries

Central European University, Vienna, Austria, 14-16 October 2021

Draft Conference Program and Schedule (6 April 2021)

About the conference:

The conference brings together the contributors, international experts, and the ZARAH Team to discuss the papers and prepare the edited volume. During the conference, each contributor gives a short presentation, and all participants are invited to engage in the conference discussion. The draft papers will be pre-circulated instantly after submission (20 September 2021) with all conference participants.

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NB: The panel chairs and commentators will be added, and affiliations, etc. updated before the final conference program is published.

14 October 2021	
9:00-9:15	Introduction
9:15-11:00	Panel 1: Women in the State-Socialist Gender Regime Eszter Bartha (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest/Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies, Technical University Dresden) <i>Questioning the Gender Regime? Women Workers and Labour Sociology in Hungary in the Peak Years of Consumer Socialism</i> Manca G. Renko (University of Ljubljana) <i>Women's Intellectual Labour in Yugoslavia after World War II</i> Marie Láníková (Masaryk University, Brno) <i>The Czechoslovak Women's Union, Labour Activism and Expertise under Socialism, 1967-1989</i>
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break

11:15-13:00	<p>Panel 2: Women, Labour and Emancipation</p> <p>Belma Buljubašić (University of Sarajevo) <i>The Process of Emancipation of Muslim Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Socialist Period during the Second Half of the 20th Century: Literacy, Inclusion in the School Process and Social Life</i></p> <p>Sandra Cvikić (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Regional Centre Vukovar) <i>Trapped Inside the Socialist Emancipation Paradox: A Case Study of Female Industrial Workers in the Borovo Factory (Vukovar)</i></p> <p>Masha Bratischeva (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa/Florence) <i>Ground Zero of Russian Intellectual Feminism: The Women's Publishing House, Saint Petersburg 1863-1875</i></p>
13:00-14:15	Lunch break
14:15-16:00	<p>Panel 3: Reflections and Discourses on Women's (Labour) Activism</p> <p>Zsombor Bódy (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest/Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest) <i>Discourses on Women's Labour Activism in the Field of Religious, National and Left-Wing Women's Movements, Hungary 1920-1940</i></p> <p>Dóra Czeferner (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest) <i>Interpretation and Discourse of Women's Labour Activism in the Austro-Hungarian Bourgeois-Liberal Feminist Press, 1907-1919</i></p> <p>Sonja M. Dujmović (University of Sarajevo) <i>Social Democratic Reflections on Women's Activism in the Workers' Movement During the First World War in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-18:00	<p>Panel 4: Women Labour Activists' Life Stories</p> <p>Eric Fure-Slocum (St. Olaf College, Northfield) <i>Nada Oristo, Neighborhood and Race in World War II-era Milwaukee, Wisconsin (U.S.): An Eastern European Immigrant and Labour-Left Racial Egalitarianism</i></p> <p>Georg Spitaler (Labor History Society, Vienna) <i>The Case of Hilde Krones: Depression, Left Melancholy and a Haunting Archive of Political Hope</i></p> <p>Viktoria Pötzl (Grinnell College, Iowa) <i>Traveling Theories: Klara Blum's/Zhu Bailan's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond</i></p>
19:00	Joint Dinner

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9:00-10:45	<p>Panel 5: Socialist and Communist Women's Activism: Women in Left-Wing Politics</p> <p>Mari-Leen Tammela (University of Tartu/Estonian History Museum, Tallinn) <i>Women's Labour Activism and Left-Wing Politics in Early 1920s' Estonia</i></p> <p>Kamelia Tzeneva (Central European University, Vienna) <i>Communist Women Workers' Labour Activism in Bulgaria Between 1919 and 1924: Everyday Resistances and the Organized Struggle</i></p> <p>Jean-Pierre Liotard-Vogt (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) <i>"The Most Important Thing is that a New Society Can Come About": Anna Kéthly (1889-1976), A Stubborn Loyalist in the Fight for Democratic Socialism, Women's Rights and Trade Union Rights</i></p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:45	<p>Panel 6: Women, Social Rights and Welfare Politics</p> <p>Ihor Karpenko (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv) <i>Women Workers as an Object of Care of the Modern State in the Sugar-Refining Industry of the Russian Empire (1880-1905)</i></p> <p>Maren Hachmeister (Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies, Technical University Dresden) <i>Just Around the Corner: Women's Self-Organized Care for the Elderly Before and After 1989 in East Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic</i></p> <p>Denisa Nešťáková (Comenius University, Bratislava/Herder Institute, Marburg) <i>Against Bourgeois Immorality: Pronatalism and Communist Women in Czechoslovakia</i></p>
12:45-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:45	<p>Panel 7: International and Transnational Dimensions of Women's Labour Activism</p> <p>Daria Dyakonova (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva/ Université de Montréal) <i>Transnational Women's Labour Movement: Communist Women's Fight for Women Workers' Rights in the 1920s</i></p> <p>Johanna Wolf (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt am Main) <i>Women as Workers: Discussions about Equal Pay in the International Trade Union Movement in the 1940s and 1950s</i></p>

	Eloisa Betti (University of Bologna) and Rossella Roncati (Ca' Foscari University of Venice/Heidelberg University) <i>Women's Activism and Vocational Training Between the Local and the Global: The Case of Cold-War Italy</i>
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:45	Panel 8: Women and Strikes Irina V. Shilnikova (Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow) <i>Participation of Russian Women Workers in Labour Conflicts: From Pre-Revolutionary Industrialization to New Economic Policy (1880s-1920s)</i> Büşra Satı (Binghamton University, State University of New York) <i>"Long Live Our father": The Berec Women's Strike</i> Ana Rajković (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb) <i>Strike as a Form of Yugoslav Women Workers' Activism in the Interwar Period, 1918-1939</i>

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9:00-10:45	Panel 9: Women in Trade Unions Natalia Jarska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) <i>Trade Union Activists, Expertise and Gender Inequalities in the Workplace in Post-1956 Poland</i> Ana Lovreković (Independent Researcher, Zagreb) <i>Women and Trade Unions in Interwar Yugoslavia</i> Boleslav Šmejkal (Central European University, Vienna) <i>Františka Dočekalová: Women Working-Class Activism on the Local Level in Late 19th and Early 20th Century Moravia</i>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:45	Panel 10: Between Inclusion and Exclusion: Working Women and Men-Dominated Unions in the First Half of 20th Century Jan A. Burek (European University Institute, Florence) <i>The Moral Economy of the Disenfranchised: Female Working-Class Activism in the Polish Textile Industry in a Trans-War Perspective, 1917-1951</i> Mátyás Erdélyi (French Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences, Prague) <i>Women's Labour Activism: The Case of Bank and Insurance Clerks in Central Europe, 1900-1930</i>

	<p>Sophia Polek (University of Basel) <i>How to Organize “Unity”? Public Activism of Women Printers in St. Petersburg, 1905-1907</i></p>
12:45-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:10	<p>Panel 11: Public Representations of Women’s Labour</p> <p>Masha Shpolberg (University of North Carolina, Wilmington) <i>Women Filmmakers, Women Workers: Visualizing the “Double Burden” in Late Socialist Poland</i></p> <p>Sylwia Nehring (National Institute of Culture and Heritage of Countryside, Warsaw) <i>Labour Women in Modern Museums of Communism in Poland</i></p>