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Main Theme

**Unequal Sisters: Women, Gender, and Global Inequalities in Historical Perspective / La
sororité à l'épreuve. Femmes, genre et inégalités mondiales: perspectives historiques**

Program Committee:

Chair: Francisca de Haan (Central European University, Hungary/Aletta, Institute for Women's History, Amsterdam). Members: Margaret Allen (University of Adelaide, Australia), Avital Bloch (University of Colima, Mexico), Carolyn Eichner (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, United States), Jacqueline Van Gent (University of Western Australia), and Rumi Yasutake (Konan University, Japan).

Program: Keynote and Panels

Key Note Speech: Barbara Caine, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia:

"The Trials and Tribulations of a Black Woman Leader: Lillian Ngoyi and the South African Liberation Struggle, c1950-1980"

Panel 1: Unequal Motherhood: Transnational Perspectives

Panel Organizer: Patricia Grimshaw

Chair: Eileen Yeo University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, UK

Bettina Bradbury, York University, Toronto, Canada, "White Widows' Wishes in 19th-
Century British Colonies"

Ida Blom, University of Bergen, Norway, "Marginalized Motherhood: Unmarried and
Widowed Mothers in Norway c. 1900-c. 1970"

Barbara Brookes, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, "Lesser Motherhood?
Mothers of Disabled Children in New Zealand in the Mid-20th Century"

Shurlee Swain, Australian Catholic University and University of Melbourne, "Unequal
Access: Australian Women and Child Care, 1950-2000"

Commentator: Patricia Grimshaw, University of Melbourne, Australia

Panel 2: Exploring Women's Relationships Across Racialized Hierarchies

Panel Organizer: Margaret Allen

Chair: Rumi Yasutake, Konan University, Kobe, Japan

Jane Haggis, Flinders University of South Australia, Adelaide, "The Mission of Sisterhood and the Politics of Whiteness: British and Indian Women Reformers in the British Missionary Movement, 1875-1940"

Victoria Haskins, University of Newcastle, Australia, "'The Privilege of Employing Natives': Aboriginal Domestic Service and Asian-Australian Women in the early 20th Century"

Karen Hughes, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, "Federation's Children – Re-conceived from Women's Lives: Other Possibilities for the Australian Nation 1901-1939"

Margaret Allen, University of Adelaide, Australia, "'A Breach of Confidence by Their Greatly Beloved Principal': A Furore at Women's Christian College, Chennai, India, 1940"

Commentator: Jacqueline van Gent, University of Western Australia

Panel 3: Shifting Comparisons: Feminists and Slaves in India and the West

Panel Organizer: Bonnie Anderson

Chair: Judith P. Zinsser, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, USA

Bonnie Anderson, City University of New York, USA, "From Equality to Superiority: Early Radical Feminists and Non-Western Women"

Gunja SenGupta, City University of New York, USA, "Enslaved Women and Kinship in the United States and India: Comparative Perspectives"

Julie Laut, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, "Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya: An Indian Feminist in America, 1939-1941"

Commentator: Judith P. Zinsser, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, USA

Panel 4: Women's Journals in the Ottoman and post-Ottoman Balkans (19th and Early 20th Centuries): Social Inequalities and Feminisms

Panel Organizer: Katerina Dalakoura

Chair: Eleni Fournaraki, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece

Katerina Dalakoura, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece, "Challenging Education in the Ottoman Greek Female Journals, 1845-1907: A Declining 'Feminist' Discourse"

Anastassia Falierou, EHESS / School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris, France, "Debating Styles of Dress in the Ottoman Turkish Women's Periodicals, 1908-1923"

Biljana Dojcinovic, University of Belgrade, Serbia, "Feminism and the Emancipation of Women in Serbian Printed Culture, 1870-1914"

Commentator: Nadelja Alexandrova, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel 5: Rethinking Clara Zetkin's Legacy

Panel Organizer: Marilyn J. Boxer

Chair: Saskia Wieringa, Aletta, Institute for Women's History, and Amsterdam University, The Netherlands

John S. Partington, Independent Researcher, UK, "The International Women's Secretary in Wartime: Clara Zetkin and Britain, 1912-1918"

Marilyn J. Boxer, San Francisco State University, USA, "Clara Zetkin and France: Eight-Year Exile, Eighty-Year Influence"

Susan Zimmermann, Central European University, Budapest, "Klara Zetkin Goes International: How the 'Female International' of Socialist Women Related to Power and Inequality in the Inter-state and Domestic Order"

Commentator: Rochelle Ruthchild, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

Panel 6: Jewishness into Feminism: Questions of Transnational Intersection

Panel Organizers: Mieke Aerts, Myriam Everard, and Ulla Jansz

Chair: Mieke Aerts, Aletta, Institute for Women's History, and Amsterdam University, The Netherlands

Cécile Formaglio, University of Angers, France, "France: Cécile Brunschvicg, Defender of a Neutral Feminism, 1877-1946"

Elizabeth Loentz, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA, "Germany: Bertha Pappenheim (1859-1936), Author and Activist"

Elisabeth Malleier, University of Vienna, Austria, "Austria: Jewish Women in Viennese Feminism, 1890-1938"

Ulla Jansz, University for Humanistics, Utrecht, The Netherlands, and Myriam Everard, Independent Scholar, Leiden, The Netherlands, "The Netherlands: Jewish Women in Dutch Feminism, 1880-1940"

Commentator: Judith Frishman, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

Panel 7: Inequalities in the History of Science and Academia

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Elisabeth Elgan, Södertörn University, Sweden

Mathilde Schmitt, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Heide Inhetveen, University of Goettingen, Germany, and Ira Spieker, Technical University Dresden, Germany, “The Unequal Sisters of Organic Farming, Early 20th Century”

Carolina Rodríguez López, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, “From the Desk to the Podium: The First Women Professors at the Spanish Universities, 1930-1939”

Enikő Jakab, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, “The Impact of Stalinist Higher Education Policies on Gender Equality in Hungary, 1948–1953”

Natalia Pushkareva, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, “Unequal Sisters in Russian Sciences: The Transformation of Discriminatory Practices of Female Academics in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia”

Commentator: Ruth Oldenziel, Eindhoven University of Technology and Amsterdam University, The Netherlands

Panel 8: Rethinking and Contextualizing Sisterhood, Gender, and Politics

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Rebecca Rogers, Paris Descartes University, France

Bérengère Kolly, University of Paris 1, France, “Les femmes ‘sœurs’ à l’aube du féminisme: Sororité et subversion des inégalités chez les saint-simoniennes en France dans les années 1830” / “Women as ‘Sisters’ in the Awakening of Feminism: Sisterhood and the Subversion of Inequalities among French Saint-Simonian Women in the 1830s”

Nora Natchkova, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and EHESS / School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris, France, “What if...? Taking Gender into Account in the History of Social Movements in West Europe at the End of the First World War: Socialists in Switzerland in Comparison with France and Sweden”

Oksana Kis, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, “Femininity Used and Contested: Women’s Experiences in the National Liberation Guerilla in Western Ukraine, 1940-1950s”

Commentator: Margaret McFadden, Professor Emerita at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

Panel 9: Racism, Nationalism and Imperialism Intersecting with Women's Rights

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Mary O'Dowd, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Padma Anagol, Cardiff University, UK, "Feminism and Anti-Feminism: Race, Nation, Community and Gender in the Writings of 19th-Century Indian women"

Shobna Nijhawan, York University, Toronto, Canada, "Wither Colonial Hierarchies? Indian Women Writers and Global Modernity in the Early 20th Century"

Laura R. Prieto, Simmons College, Boston, USA, "'A Delicate Subject': Clemencia López's Anti-Imperialist Errand, 1901-1903"

June Purvis, University of Portsmouth, UK, "Fighting the Double Moral Standard in Edwardian Britain: Suffragette Militancy, Sexuality and the Nation in the Writings of the Early 20th-Century British Feminist, Christabel Pankhurst"

Shirin Akhtar, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, "Towards a Gendered Phenomenology of Reading, Writing and Cultural and Collective Action: 'The Weekly Begum' (since 1947), A Case Study of Bengal"

Commentator: Fiona Paisley, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia

Panel 10: The Challenges of Inter/Transnational Women's Movements

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Petra de Vries, Amsterdam University

Karen Offen, Stanford University, California, USA, "Overcoming Hierarchies through Internationalism: May Wright Sewall's Presidency of the International Council of Women, 1899-1904"

Anne Cova, University of Lisbon, Portugal, "Feminisms in France, Italy and Portugal: A Comparative Approach, 1888-1939"

Julie Carlier, Ghent University, Belgium, "Challenging the North-American Model of Women's International Organizing? The Forgotten Transnational Networks of the Women's Progressive Society (1890) and the International Women's Union (1893-1898)"

Megan Threlkeld, Denison University, Granville, Ohio, USA, "Unspoken but Undeniable: The Impact of Race on Inter-American Cooperation Among Women Between the World Wars"

Commentator: Charlotte Macdonald, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Panel 11: Women Across Liminal Spaces: Religion, Health, Work and Gender

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Catherine Carstairs, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Xin Chen, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, "Female Protestant Missionaries in Modern China and Japan (1880s-1940s)"

Catherine Bishop, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, "Women Settlers and Colonial Economies: Re-examining the Public/Private Sphere Dichotomy in Mid-19th-Century New South Wales and New Zealand"

Irene Maffi, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, "The Medicalization of Birth in a Patriarchal Society: The Case of Post-Colonial Jordan"

Mina Roces, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, "Women's Movements in Liminal Spaces: Abortion as a Reproductive Right in Catholic Philippines, 1986-2006"

Commentator: Noriyo Hayakawa, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan

Panel 12: The Global Struggle for Women's Citizenship

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Anneke Ribberink, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Henrice Altink, University of York, UK, "'We Are Equal to Men in Ability to Do Anything': African Jamaican Women and Citizenship in the Interwar Years"

Patricia van der Spuy, Castleton State College, Vermont, USA, and Lindsay Clowes, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, "Cissie Gool and the Politics of Women's Leadership in South Africa"

Ellen DuBois, University of California, Los Angeles, USA, "The League of Nations as Testing Ground for Women's Rights in the UN"

Glenda Sluga, University of Sydney, Australia, "Women's Rights, Human Rights, and the Right to Self-Determination in the International Sphere, San Francisco 1945"

Commentator: Judith Smart, RMIT University and University of Melbourne, Australia

Panel 13: Gender and Imperialism

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Frances Gouda, Amsterdam University, The Netherlands

Elisa Miller, Rhode Island College, Providence, USA, "Domesticating Women, Domesticating Empire: Domesticity, Women, and American Education in the Philippines"

Fiona Paisley, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, "Safari Bride: Osa Johnson's Feminist Journey into the World of Women"

Linda L. Clark, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, “Assigned to Algeria: French Women Educators under the Pre-1914 Third Republic”

Jennifer S. Duncan, Montana State University Billings, USA, “Confronting Race: French Feminism becomes Global, 1970s-1990s”

Commentator: Angela Woollacott, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Panel 14: Varieties of Post-1945 Feminisms

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Brigitta Bader-Zaar, University of Vienna, Austria

Chiara Bonfiglioli, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, “Negotiating with the Gendered Borders of Cold War Utopias: Cultural Memories of Women’s Political Networks between Italy and SFR Yugoslavia, 1945-1989”

Kiyoko Yamaguchi, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China, “Housewife-Lib and Co-op Activism in post-1970s Japan”

Ms. Mir Zahida Naznin, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, “Interconnecting Activities between Women and Women’s Organizations (1947-1995): A Bangladesh Perspective”

Commentator: Francisca de Haan, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, and Aletta, Institute for Women’s History, Amsterdam

Panel 15: ‘Colored Citizens’: Women’s Freedom, Citizenship, and Civil Rights in the African Diaspora

Panel Organizer: Leslie A. Schwalm

Chair: Gloria Wekker, Utrecht University, the Aletta Chair on Gender and Ethnicity.

Camillia Cowling, Cândido Mendes University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, “Defining Freedom: Women of Color and the Ending of Slavery in Havana and Rio de Janeiro, 1870-1888”

Leslie A. Schwalm, University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA, “What Are the Rights of Citizens? U.S. African American Women and Citizenship in the Post-Emancipation North”

Emily R. West, University of Reading, UK, “Free Women of Color, Expulsion and Enslavement in the Antebellum South”

Commentator: Rachel Jean-Baptiste, University of Chicago, USA.

Panel 16: Overriding Inequality: Transnational Networks of Women Scientists and Academics in the First Half of the 20th Century

Panel Organizers: Mineke Bosch and Christine von Oertzen

Chair: Mineke Bosch, Groningen University, The Netherlands

Christina Florin, Stockholm University, “Challenging the State: The Struggle for Professional Citizenship among Swedish University Women, 1900-1925”

Christine von Oertzen, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, “Networks in the Making: The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) and its Impact on Germany, 1917-1945”

Georgeta Nazarska, State University of Library Studies and Information Technology, Sofia, Bulgaria, “The Bulgarian Association of University Women, 1924-1950”

Commentator: Krassimira Daskalova, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, Bulgaria

Panel 17: Rethinking Class and Gender Norms, Marriage and the Family

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Ida Blom, University of Bergen, Norway

Tamara M. Zwick, University of South Florida, Tampa, USA, “The Invisible Circle: An Exchange of Letters between Caspar Voght and Germaine de Staël during the Era of Revolution”

Carolyn Eichner, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA, “The Power of Naming: Women, Radicalism, and Naming in Comparative Historical Perspective. The Cases of Europe and the U.S., 19th and 20th Centuries”

Yuthika Mishra, Vivekananda College, Delhi, India, “The Family in Colonial India: Equalizing Forces - Unequal Consequences”

Avital Bloch, University of Colima, Mexico, “Unequal Sisters and the U.S. Family: Class Differences in the Post-War Liberal Ideal and the Feminist Critique of the Sixties”

Commentator: Eileen Boris, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Panel 18: Women's Collective Action and Creativity in Cultural Industries in the 20th Century

Panel Organizer: Program Committee

Chair: Berteke Waaldijk, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Kennan Ferguson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA, “Creating Community, Creating Cookery: Women, Exclusion, and U.S. Community Cookbooks in the 20th Century”

Ansev Demirhan, University of South Florida, Tampa, USA, “Double Entendre: The Liberation or Subjugation of Turkish Women in the 1920s and 1930s”

Ioana Cîrstocea, CNRS / National Center for Scientific Research (PRISME-GSPE),
Strasbourg, France, “The Misfits: Forms and Spaces of Feminine Collective Action in 1990s’
Romania”

Commentator: Berteke Waaldijk, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.