

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Position

2020– Postdoctoral Fellow in “ZARAH: Women’s labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century”, research project lead by Prof. Susan Zimmermann at Central European University in Vienna, Austria (ERC Advanced Grant) (*Including a maternal leave between June 2021 and July 2022*)

Education

- 2014–2019 PhD in Social Sciences
University of Amsterdam (AISSR)
Dissertation topic: “A Threatening Geography: Forced Displacement and Convict Labour in Western Siberia, 1879–1953” (four-year research position within the research program “Four centuries of labour camps”, fully funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)
Research advisors: Marcel van der Linden (IISH), Nanci Adler (NIOD)
Date of defence: 5 September 2019
- 2011–2014 Master 2 in Social Sciences
École normale supérieure, Paris
Research advisor: Alain Blum (EHESS-INED)
- 2009–2011 Master 1 in Sociology
Collège universitaire français, Moscow
Research advisor: Ivan Chupin (Université de Versailles)
- 2006–2011 Diploma in History
Moscow State University, Moscow
Research advisor: Timur Valetov (MSU)

Publications

Monographs

“Coerced Labour, Forced Displacement, and the Soviet Gulag, 1880s-1930s”, in production with Amsterdam University Press

*Articles (peer-reviewed publications are marked with an *)*

- 2023* "Polish Women Labour Inspectors between the World Wars: Scrutinizing the Workplace and Mobilizing Public Opinion", *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* 31(2): 201–220
- 2018* "Exile as Imperial Practice: Western Siberia and the Russian Empire, 1879–1900", *IRSH* 63: Special Issue S26 (Transportation, Deportation and Exile: Perspectives from the Colonies in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries): 131–150
- 2018* "Von den revolutionären Lagern zum sowjetischen Gulag: Entwicklungspfade des sowjetischen Strafsystems", *Jahrbuch für Historische Kommunismusforschung* 2018. Berlin: 189–201
- 2016 "The Two Tales of Forced Labour: Katorga and Reformed Prison in Imperial Russia (1879–1905)", *Almanack* 14: 91–117
- 2015* "Lacunae in the politics of memory: remembering the Soviet deportations from Lithuania", *Journal of Social Policy Studies* 13(3): 407–420 (In Russian)
- 2013 "Authority and power in the testimonies of the former deportees from Lithuania to the Soviet Union", in *Constructing the "Soviet"? Materials of the academic conference for students and young researchers* (Saint Petersburg, 2013), 98–104 (In Russian)

Book chapters

- 2023* "Exiles, Convicts and Deportees as Migrants: Northern Eurasia, Nineteenth-Twentieth Centuries" in Marcelo Borges and Madeline Y. Hsu (eds) *The Cambridge History of Global Migrations*, vol. II (Cambridge, 2023), 240–258

Other publications

- 2023* "Women and the Gendered Politics of Work in Central and Eastern Europe, and Internationally, in the Twentieth Century: Activism, Governance, and Scale", Introduction to the Special Issue, co-authored with Alexandra Ghiț, Veronika Helfert, Ivelina Masheva, Jelena Tešija, Eszter Varsa and Susan Zimmermann, *JCEE* 31(2): 227–240
- 2019* "Dissecting Sites of Punishment: Penal Colonies and their Borders", Introduction to the Special theme of the International Review of Social History, co-authored with Francesca di Pasquale, *IRSH* 64(3) : 427–444 (Special theme also co-edited together with Francesca di Pasquale)

Reviews

- 2021 Review of Beth English, Mary E. Frederickson, and Olga Sanmiguel-Valderrama (eds), *Global Women's Work: Perspectives on*

Gender and Work in the Global Economy, Labor: Studies in Working-Class History 18(3):162–164

2019 Review of Jonathan Daly. *Crime and Punishment in Russia. A Comparative History from Peter the Great to Vladimir Putin*, *IRSH* 64(1): 146–148

2017 Review of *The Soviet Gulag. Evidence, Interpretation, and Comparison*. Ed. Michael David-Fox, *IRSH* 62(3): 566–569

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards

2021 Three-month research fellowship at the German Historical Institute in Warsaw (deferred due to pregnancy and the Covid pandemic)

2016 Global Fellow at the Weatherhead Initiative on Global History, Harvard University

2015 Hoover Library & Archives Workshop On Authoritarian Regimes at Stanford University

2011–2014 Full three-year scholarship for international students (La Sélection internationale) at École normale supérieure de Paris

2009 Scholarship of the French government: full funding of a four-week language course in Strasbourg

Institutional Responsibilities and Professional Service

2023– Coordinator of the Labour Network of the European Social Science History Conference

2022– “ZARAH DB IT development coordination, team support, and copy-editing” Lead responsibility within the ZARAH project

2020–2021 “Team events management” Lead responsibility within the ZARAH project:

- organisation and coordination of the weekly team meetings online and offline for a team of ten researchers
- organisation of public lectures in hybrid format
- organisation of the ZARAH Annual Team Workshop 2020 and the ZARAH International Workshop 2020

2020 Setting up, editing and curating the [ZARAH Blog](#)

2018– Reviewer for the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS)

Other Academic Experience

- 2019 Summer Academy “Forced Labour Old and New” organised by re:work (Berlin) and the Addis Ababa University
- 2019 TEI Introductory School 2019 at the the Centre for Information Modelling of the University of Graz, Austria
- 2014–2018 Posthumus Training Program. PhD training program in Social and Economic history, based at the N.W. Posthumus Institute, Radboud University Nijmegen
- 2016 11th European Summer School Ravensbrück at the Ravensbrück Concentration Camp Memorial
- 2015 Research Design Course at the University of Göteborg, Sweden

Public Outreach

- 2021 [“Halina Krahelska: Multifaceted Activist Legacy”](#), 25 February 2021, ZARAH Blog
- 2021 [“Putting Activists Centre Stage: An Introduction to the ZARAH Blog Series II”](#) (co-authored with Veronika Helfert), January 2021, ZARAH Blog
- 2020 [“The invisible women: Żyrardów strike of 1883”](#), 10 November 2020, ZARAH Blog
- 2020 [“Finding Women in the Sources: An Introduction to the ZARAH Blog Series I”](#) (co-authored with Veronika Helfert), October 2020, ZARAH Blog

Invited Talks

- 2023 Lecture “Conceptualizing agency and activism of women labour migrants in and from Central Eastern Europe in the long twentieth century” at the Research Colloquium of the History Department, University of Innsbruck (15 May 2023)
- 2023 Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture “Gendering the Experience of Carceral Labour in the Soviet Union, 1930–1953” at the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, University of Bonn (8 May 2023)
- 2022 “Halina Krahelska: Labour Inspector at Home and Abroad, 1920s-1930s” at the “Atelier du transnational”, German Historical Insitute in Paris

Conference Papers

- 2023 "Halina Krahelska: Labour Inspector at Home and Abroad, 1920s-1930s" at the European Social Science History Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2022 "Ambivalent Transnational Encounters of a Labour Activist: Halina Krahelska, 1920s-1930s" at the ZARAH Third International Workshop at Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 2020 "Together and Apart. Polish and Jewish Women Labour Activists before the 1905 Revolution", at the ZARAH First International Workshop at Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 2019 "Beyond 'Perekovka': Forced Labour as Technology, 1879-1934" at International conference "Making the New Man: Scientific and Artistic Experiments in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, 1900-1939" at the Saint Petersburg University, Russia
- 2017 "Exile as Imperial Practice: Western Siberia and the Russian Empire, 1879-1900" at the workshop "The production of imperial space. Circulatory regimes and the Empire (18th-20th centuries)" at the SciencesPo, Paris, France
- 2017 "Extramural convict work in Western Siberia in the early twentieth century" at the Fifth Congress of the European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH) in Budapest, Hungary
- 2017 "Blueprints for Gulag: Revolutionary concentration camps and labour compulsion" at the Young Researchers Conference: "Centennial, Commemoration, Catastrophe: 1917-2017 as Past and Present in Russia and Beyond", organised by Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University at Villa Vergiliana, Cuma, Italy
- 2016 "Siberian Exile and the Policies of Empire" at the European Social Science History Conference in Valencia, Spain
- 2016 Seminar "Scales of Global History" at the University of São Paulo, Brazil
- 2015 "Tsarist Katorga and Soviet Gulag in Western Siberia: War, Colonisation and Rehabilitation, 1879-1960" at the conference "Peripheral Histories? Postgraduate Research into the Late-Imperial Russian and Early-Soviet Provinces, Localities, and Republics" at the University of Manchester, UK

Languages

- Russian Native
- English Full proficiency
- French Full proficiency
- German Advanced

Polish	Intermediate
Yiddish	Elementary
Dutch	Elementary