

# Women and the work-place: activism and politics in Central, East Central, and South Eastern Europe, and internationally, 1860s to 1990s

## Workshop and Meeting Oberstaad, 8 – 15 September 2017

*The Workshop and Meeting take place in Oberstaad, Germany. The event has been co-sponsored by the Institut für die Geschichte und Zukunft der Arbeit (IGZA, <http://igza.org/>) and the International Research Center Work and Human Life Cycle (re:work) at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (<https://rework.hu-berlin.de/de/aktuelles.html>).*

### **Convenor:**

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### **Project team**

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Radka Sustrova, Czech Academy of Sciences (not present)

### **External experts (present on 8 and 9 September)**

Dorothy Sue Cobble, Rutgers University

Silke Neunsinger, Labour Moment Archives and Library, Stockholm

Conchi Villar, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona

Vanda Mohácsi, CEU (present on 10 September)

### **Short project description:**

Using a wide range of archival and other primary material this research project examines the histories of women in socialist, Christian and communist trade unions, trade union-type organizing and work-place related activism, and the woman politics of related organizations and activist networks. Its major focus is on various European countries, while also including transnational interaction and international co-operation, from the beginnings in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present day.

## Workshop with external experts, 8-9 September 2017:

### Structure of the Workshop:

The Questionnaires as filled in by the junior scholars will be circulated amongst all participants to the workshop by September 1.

In their workshop presentations (30 to 45 minutes) the junior scholars will focus on (some of) the following issues as emerging from their work with and around the Questionnaire:

- Particularities, “problem zones”, and “highlights”
- Research gaps
- General and specific research questions, hypotheses of the existing research
- General and specific research questions, hypotheses leading beyond the existing research
- International and transnational dimensions, reference points of the history of work-place related activism

The senior scholars will present aspects of their ongoing research, comment on the findings [Questionnaire] and presentations of the Project team members and give input with regard to future plans.

### **Thursday, 7 September**

7.00 p.m.

Welcome Addresses:

**Horst Neumann, Director, IGZA**

**Susan Zimmermann**

7.15 p.m.

Dinner

### **Friday, 8 September**

9.00 a.m.

**Selin Cagatay:** Focus on Turkey and international organizing

10.15 a.m. Coffee break

10.30 a.m.

**Alexandra Ghit:** Focus on Romania

11.45 a.m. Coffee break

12.00 a.m.

**Dorothy Sue Cobble:** Classing International Women's History

1.00 p.m. Lunch

1.45 p.m. **Introduction to the IGZA, Dr. Horst Neumann, Director**

2.15 p.m.

**Veronika Helfert:** Focus on (German-)Austria

3.30 p.m. Coffee break

3.45 p.m.

**Silke Neunsinger:** When international strategies were modelled on the Global North. The ICFTU, the ILO and the struggle for equal remuneration since 1951.

4.45 p.m. Coffee break

5.00 p.m.

**Ewa Maczynska:** Focus on Poland

6.15 p.m., end of Day One

7.15 p.m.

Dinner at Gasthaus Hirschen

Shuttle leaves at 7.00 p.m. from the IGZA facility

## **Saturday, 9 September**

9.30 a.m.

**Ivelina Masheva:** Focus on Bulgaria

10.45 a.m. Coffee break

11.00 a.m.

**Conchi Villar:** Women and Unions in Spain throughout the 20th century: A history of misunderstanding.

12.00 p.m.

**Sandra Prlenda Perkovac:** Focus on former Yugoslavia

1.15 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m.

**Susan Zimmermann:** Trade union women's struggle for equal pay and women's labor protection in Hungary and internationally, 1960s-1980s.

3.00 p.m. Coffee break

4.00 p.m.

**Brainstorming with regard to the future of the project**

6.00 p.m., end of Day Two, Dinner

## **Sunday, 10 September**

9.00 a.m. Breakfast

Optional excursion: Boat trip to the World Heritage monastery island Reichenau

7.00 p.m. Dinner

## ***Project meeting, 11-15 September:***

Program:

- Presentations on and discussion of research design
- Discussion of future plans
- Writing and discussion sessions