

The History of Medialization and Empowerment: The Intersection of Women's Rights Activism and the Media

Final Meeting of the International Standing Working Group on Medialization and Empowerment, 20-22 January, 2022

German Historical Institute London

Convenors: Christina von Hodenberg and Jane Freeland (German Historical Institute London)

Thursday, 20 January

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13:30-13:45: Registration and Logging On

13:45-14:00

Welcome Remarks: Christina von Hodenberg and Jane Freeland (German Historical Institute London)

14:00-15:30

Panel 1: War, Violence and the Media

Has the media been an effective space to challenge violence against women? How has the intersection of violence, war and gender been negotiated in and by the media?

Discussant: Jane Freeland, German Historical Institute, London

Chair: Christina von Hodenberg, German Historical Institute London

Twinkle Siwach (Jawaharlal Nehru University): *Exploring interconnections and canvas of the informational universe in the cases of crime and violence against women in contemporary India*

Christin Hansen (Universität Paderborn): *Women in Combat during the Spanish Civil War and their Representation in the Media*

Elizabeth Rule (American University): *Empowering Indigenous Women: Inuit Feminist Media and Canadian Colonization*

BREAK

15:45-17:15

Panel 2: Feminism and the Media across Borders

To what extent has the media facilitated the spread of feminism and ideas of women's emancipation across international borders? And how has feminism transformed in the process? How do we compare the production of feminist medias across borders?

Discussant: Zsófia Lóránd, University of Cambridge

Chair: Christina von Hodenberg, German Historical Institute, London

Marie Cabadi (Université d'Angers): *Women's centres and (their) newsletters: feminist spaces and print cultures in Belgium, France and the United Kingdom*

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Alexandra Talaver (Central European University) and Lea Börgerding (Free University of Berlin): *Socialist women's magazines and the transnational circulation of emancipatory knowledge during the 1975 International Women's Year*

Frederik Schulze (Universität zu Köln): *The Medialization of Modern Women in Latin America (1914–1937)*

BREAK

17:30-19:00

Women on the Air Waves: Feminism and the Radio in Britain and Germany

Launch Event for the Online Exhibition *Forms, Networks, Voices: Feminism and the Media*

Caroline Mitchell (University of Sunderland) and Kate Lacey (University of Sussex) in Discussion

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DAY TWO

Friday, 21 January

Zoom Details: Meeting ID: 893 0464 8549 // Passcode: 083695

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10:00-11:30

Panel 3: Feminism, Periodization and the Media

How might examining the media challenge the way histories of feminism are written? What kind of new periodizations do they offer? How has the introduction of new medias changed the discussions of women's rights?

Discussant: Hannah Yoken, University of Jyväskylä

Chair: Jane Freeland, German Historical Institute London

Atsuko Sano (University of Tokyo): *The Internet Changes the Discourse on Reproductive Health Rights: A Case Study from Japan and Germany*

Isabel Heinemann (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster): *Accidental Feminists? Negotiating Women's Rights in the Mainline Media during the 1950s and 1960s in the Federal Republic of Germany*

Michalina Augusiak (University of Warsaw): *Reinventing the History of the Women's Movement under State-Socialism. The Memory Politics of League of Women in Poland 1945-1989*

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11:45-13:15

Panel 4: Feminism and Politics

How have issues of women's political representation been discussed in the media? Has the media helped or hindered women's political engagement?

Discussant: Emily Steinhauer, German Historical Institute London

Chair: Christina von Hodenberg, German Historical Institute London

Sharon Omotoso (University of Ibadan): *When 'She' is the Crook: Medialized Corruption among Female Politicians in Nigeria*

Jane Freeland (German Historical Institute London): *Für Dich and German Reunification*

Dóra Czeferner (Institute of History, Horthy Era Research Team): *Feminist Press in the twilight of monarchy*

BREAK

14:00-15:30

Panel 5: Reproduction, Women's Bodies and the Media

How have feminists used the media to draw attention to women's sexual and reproductive rights? How has it shaped the way we think about issues like self-determination, choice and agency?

Discussant: Claudia Roesch, German Historical Institute Washington DC

Chair: Jane Freeland, German Historical Institute London

Annalisa Martin (Birkbeck, University of London): *'Otherwise we will go to the barricades!': Sex worker activism and the local press before the Hurenbewegung*

Inbal Ofer (The Open University of Israel): *From 'Las 11 de Bilbao' to Spain's Abortion Law: Feminist Activists, Politicians and Mass Media in times of Political Transition*

Jennifer Rodgers (California Institute of Technology): *A 'Private Affair No Longer': The Medialization of Birth Activism and the Normalization of Childbirth in West Germany*

15:30-16:30

Concluding Remarks and Summation

Penny Morris (University of Glasgow), Jane Freeland and Christina von Hodenberg (German Historical Institute London)