



***Intimate Internationalism:
Women Transforming the Political in Postwar Europe***

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Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam

Keynote lecture: Professor Victoria de Grazia, Columbia University

Organisers: Celia Donert (ZZF Potsdam) and Janou Vorderwülbecke (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

Call for Proposals

This workshop aims to explore the gendered dimension of international politics, norms and institutions, as well as ideologies, perceptions and critiques of internationalism, in eastern and western Europe from 1945 to the mid-1960s. We aim to bring together historians working on the history of women's transnational organising, the gendering of international projects and processes of integration, the connections and transfers between ideologies and practices of gender equality and difference across geographic and political divides, and transnational approaches to gendered histories of post-war Europe that move beyond the conventional focus on the western part of the continent.

Potential topics might include, amongst others, the gender relations of post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation; the gendering of political and economic integration in western and eastern Europe; the traditionally 'feminine' yet increasingly complex and controversial fields of peace, philanthropic, humanitarian and development work; and the responses and contributions of social actors to international legal norms and institutions (eg UN, ILO, EEC) that either promised or limited equality between the sexes.

We seek to discover who was speaking in the name of 'women' and defining gender at the international level, and to explore the social, cultural and political processes that contributed to the gendering of international politics and projects. By inserting

gender as a category into historical studies of international norms, organisations and processes of integration, we hope to trace the connections between intimacy and internationalism in a deeply divided post-war Europe.

Please send abstracts of 500 words (maximum) and a brief CV by 15 April 2010 to Celia Donert (donert@zzf-pdm.de). The costs of travel and accommodation will be covered by the organisers. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 1 June 2010.