

Dynamization of Gender Roles in Wartime: World War II and its Aftermath in Eastern Europe

The impact of World War II on gender relations in Central and Eastern Europe has generally been treated as a rather marginal issue. In recent years, however, some important studies have been published shedding light on various aspects of gender relations in times of war in 20th century Eastern Europe. The conference „**Dynamization of Gender Roles in Wartime: World War II and its Aftermath in Eastern Europe**“ intends not only to piece the existing puzzle together, but seeks to explore the interplay of World War II and gender roles in Eastern Europe in a broad context. For this purpose, the conference will bring scholars from the relevant countries together with scholars from Western Europe and the US. We want to discuss the conceptions of gender roles by the occupiers and the every-day-life of women and men in the occupied countries, the armies and the partisan movements.

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German Historical Institute Warsaw,
conference room

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German Historical Institute Warsaw

Concept:

Ruth Leiserowitz and Maren Röger

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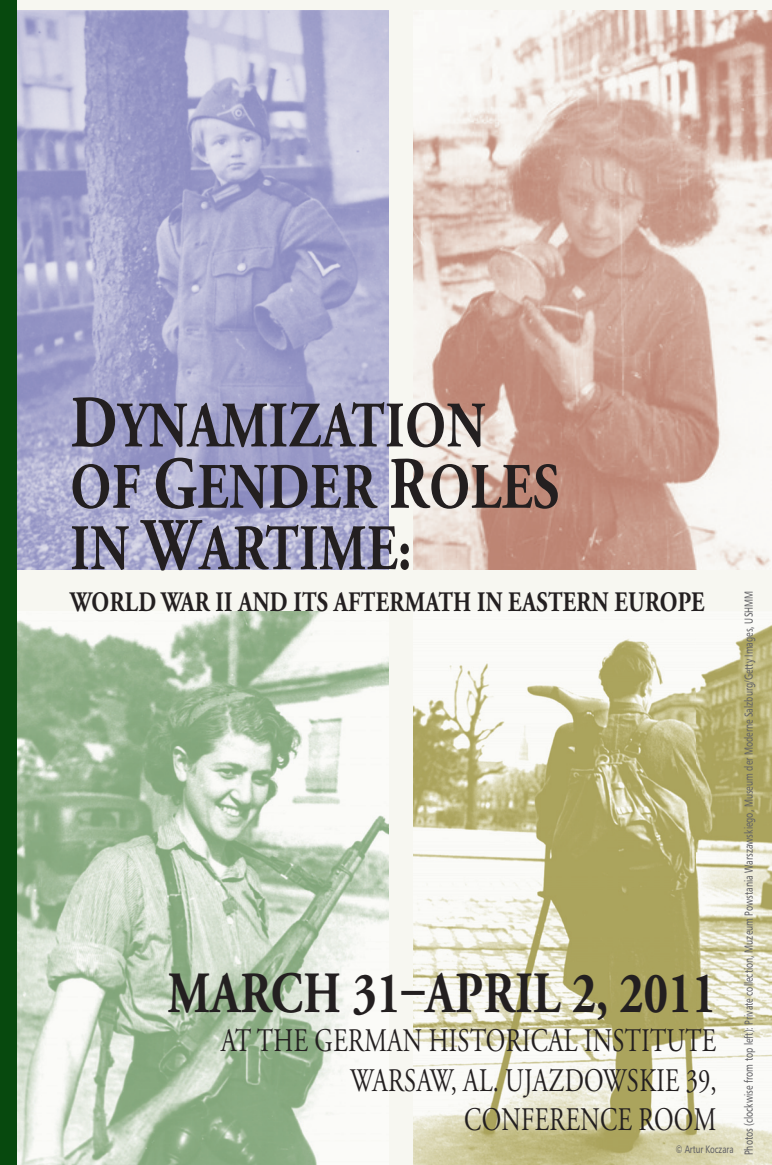
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WORLD WAR II AND ITS AFTERMATH IN EASTERN EUROPE

MARCH 31–APRIL 2, 2011
AT THE GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE
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CONFERENCE ROOM

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Thursday, March 31, 2011

- 3 p.m. **Opening and Introduction**
Welcome Address
Professor Eduard Mühle, German Historical Institute Warsaw
Introduction
PD Dr. Ruth Leiserowitz & Dr. Maren Röger, GHI Warsaw
- 4.00-4.30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4.30-6.30 p.m. **Keynotes**
Gender, Space and Dislocation in Nazi-occupied Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
Professor Elizabeth Harvey, University of Nottingham
Women as Victims and Perpetrators in World War II: The Case of Hungary
Professor Andrea Pető, Central European University, Budapest
Chair: Dr. Wanda Jarzabek, Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw & GHI Warsaw

Reception at the German Historical Institute

Friday, April 1, 2011

- 9.00-11.00 a.m. **Ideological Conceptions of Gender Roles by Occupiers & Resistance Movements**
- Panel I**
Gendering Combat: The Case of Yugoslavia
Dr. Barbara N. Wiesinger, Salzburg
The Discourse of Power through Gender in World War II Latvia
Ph.D. Mara Lazda, Eugene Lang College, New York
Participation of Bulgarian Women in World War II (1944-1945)
Professor Sevo Yavshchev, Ph.D. Georgeta Nazarska, State University of Library Studies and IT, Sofia
Chair: Professor Jane Caplan, University of Oxford
- 11.00-11.30 a.m. Coffee Break

- 11.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m. **Gender Roles in the Every-Day-Life of Armies**
- Panel II.1**
Gender Roles in the Red Army
Kerstin Bischl, Humboldt University Berlin
Helping Hands. German Women's Auxiliary Forces and the Second World War
Dr. Franka Maubach, University of Göttingen
Chair: Dr. Stephan Lehnstaedt, GHI Warsaw
- 1.00-3.00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 3.00-5.00 p.m. **Gender Roles in the Every-Day-Life of Partisan Movements**
- Panel II.2**
Life in the Bunker: The Memories of UPA Insurgents beyond the Battlefield
Olena Petrenko, University of Bochum
In the Lithuanian Woods. Jewish and Lithuanian Female Partisans
PD Dr. Ruth Leiserowitz, GHI Warsaw
Male and Female Partisans in the Photo Archives
Dr. Bernard Suchecky, Strasbourg
Chair: Professor Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Institute for the History of German Jewry, Hamburg

Saturday, April 2, 2011

- 9.00-11.00 a.m. **Conflicting Values?**
- Panel III**
Visibility and Experience. German Soldier's Bodily Behaviour in the "Occupied Eastern Territories" and its Reflection in Narratives of Local Women
Dr. Regina Mühlhäuser, Hamburg Institute for Social Research
Honor and Masculinity in the Polish Officer Corps
Lukasz Kielban, University of Poznań
Eastern European Girlhood Experience of World War II
Ph.D. Lisa Ossian, Des Moines Area Community College, Iowa
Chair: Dr. Maren Röger, GHI Warsaw
- 11.00-11.30 a.m. Coffee Break

- 11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m. **Work Life and Political Sphere: The Aftermath of War**
- Panel IV**
Female Partisans and Political Emancipation of Yugoslav Women from 1944 to 1953
Ivana Pantelić, Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade
Conflicting Conceptions of the Role of Women in Postwar Poland: Work Life, Motherhood, Abortion (1945-1956)
Dr. Barbara Klich-Kluczevska, University of Kraków
Latvian Women in the Public Sphere after the War
Professor Vita Zelče, University of Latvia, Riga
Chair: Professor Małgorzata Fuszara, University of Warsaw
- 1.30-3.00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 3.00-5.00 p.m. **Gendered Narratives and Memories of War**
- Panel V**
Daily Life During the War: Gender Analysis of Oral Stories on World War II
Ph.D. Irina Rebrova, Kuban State University, Krasnodar
Transmitting the Meaning and Memory of Gender Roles and Relations: Women as Victims, Women as Survivors
Ph.D. Hannah Klinger, Pennsylvania State University Abington
The Image of the German Occupant in Russian Cinema
Dr. habil. Victoria Sukovata, Kharkiv National University
Chair: Dr. Božena Umińska-Keff, Jewish Historical Institute Warsaw
- 5.00-5.30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 5.30-6.30 p.m. Final discussion**
Closing Remarks
Professor Jane Caplan, University of Oxford
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