

[Conference: Gendering Epistemologies - Gender and Situated Knowledge Perspectives from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Prague/Liblice 13-15 October 2022](#)

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More than 30 years ago, Donna Haraway published her iconic essay "Situated Knowledge. The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective", where she discusses the issue of objectivity in feminism. She understands "objective knowledge" as bound to a specific historical point in time and space - precisely as "situated knowledge". We seek to reflect its current pertinence, considering the differentiation of gender related debates from feminism to queer theories, to trans activism and beyond, but also in the face of current social challenges like hate speech and fake news, conspiracy theories and public questioning of established scientific values. Thus, the conference "Gendering Epistemologies" looks at how gender-shaped (especially scientific) knowledge and truth claims are tied to gender (politics) in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Program

Thursday, 13.10.2022, Prague&zoom

18:00-18:30 Welcome and Introduction

18:30-20:00 Keynote

Aleksandra Derra: The Role of Feminist Theory in Building Complementary Knowledge

Moderation: Dietlind Hüchtker

(venue: Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Gabčíkova 2362/10, 182 00 Prague 8 (limited capacity, to participate please contact Jan Surman surman@mua.cas.cz)

Or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ldeqopz4tE9ZZOD25hpuKbOcPhta5Sblc>)

Friday, 14.10.2022, Liblice (Liblice Castle - Conference Center of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Liblice 61, 277 32 Byšice)

13:15-13:30 Short introduction

13:30-15:30 Activism and Objectivity

Moderation: Jan Surman

Duygu Altınoluk: Feminist Standpoint Theory Strengthens Feminist Academic Activism

Anna Eroshenko: Knowing Transgender Experience through the Indirectness: Narrative Psychology as a Collective Oral History

Eszter Kováts: Paradoxes of Situated and Universal Truth Claims in Central Eastern Europe

16:00-18:00 Gendered Politics

Moderation: Karin Reichenbach

Adela Hîncu: Women's Invisible Labor in Socialist Romania: Feminist Methodology and Theories on Rural Transformation under State Socialism

Ella Rossman: How to Be a Soviet Girl? Constructing Knowledge on Women's Puberty in the Postwar USSR (1946-1991)

Izabela Kowalczyk: Feminism Meets Catastrophes

Saturday 15.10.2022, Liblice

9:00-12:00 Scientific Authority and Gender

Moderation: Aleksei Lokhmatov

Evangelia Chordaki: Locating Science to Silence: Discussing Gender and Knowledge through the Politics of Silence

Katharina Kowalski: Between Intersectionality and "Authenticity" - On Developments and Epistemic Distinctions in the Feminist "Thought Style" during the Transformation Era in Poland

Darya Litvina/Anastasia Novkunskaya/Anna Temkina: "Sociologists in White": Feminist

Epistemologies in Medical Field

Berna Zengin Arslan: Claiming Epistemic Authority of Women in Science and Technology: Case Studies of Women Engineers in Turkey

13:00-15:00 Gendering Institutions

Moderation: Bernhard Kleeberg

Martyna Miernecka: "Work in Peace". Gendered Practices in the Literary Institutions of Polish People's Republic

Suzana Milevska: Do Archives Have a Gender?

Barbara Schnalzger: "Haunting the Ruler's house" - Women's and Lesbian Libraries and Archives as an Interface between Academia and Social Movement

15:30-17:30 Media of Truth

Moderation: Friedrich Cain

Ksenia Shmydkaya: Woman's Metaphors and Universal Truths: On one Episode in Poland's Interwar Intellectual Life

Juliane Tomann: Doing Gender in Historical Reenactment

Lisa Fuchte: Who Put the Object in Objectivity? Gender and Visual History of Care Work in the Soviet Union

17:30-18:00 Conclusions

Concept and Organization

The research initiative Political Epistemologies of Central and Eastern Europe (PECEE) investigates modes of (self-)reflexivity in the history of the sciences and the humanities. Eastern, Central, and South-Eastern Europe have served as starting points to gain a perspective on the interconnectedness of historical theories, practices and figures of knowledge production - "epistemologies" - within their political environments. Thus, we aim to strengthen research in Historical Epistemology with a special

focus on political implications, to radically situate historical theories of knowledge.

The conference is organised by the research initiative Political Epistemologies of Central and Eastern Europe (PECEE, for details see www.uni-erfurt.de/to/5HZUPwGJ1oXN3cO). It is sponsored by the research programme “Resilient Society for 21st Century: Crisis Potentials and Effective Transformation” within the basic programme framework of the Strategy AV21 of the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) and by the Chair of Historical Transregional Studies, Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna.