

# Marginalised Women, Political Thought, and Socialist Women's Emancipation

Workshop, 24 – 25 March 2022

The workshop is in hybrid format, some talks will take place in person, some presenters join us on Zoom. All sessions will be available on Zoom.

Venue: Gatsby Room, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge

Zoom: <https://wolfson-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/98147040456?pwd=ZlM1L2xjOHRZRm5RYjdWOTBrVTRXdz09>

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What socialism did and didn't do for women is a topic still widely discussed and debated in scholarly literature as well as in the broader public sphere. We still know very little about what women in general, but even less about what women from marginalised background thought about the socialist women's emancipation processes. This workshop aims at exploring the knowledge accumulated by scholars from fields beyond intellectual history, especially social history, anthropology, literary studies about women from marginalised contexts during state socialism in Eastern and Central Europe, and beyond. The talks focus on Romani women, women in Soviet Central Asia, and Muslim women in Bosnia and Hercegovina, and the broader Yugoslav region.

## **Day 1, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

9.00 Coffee

9.20 – 10.00 Intro and welcome, **Celia Donert and Zsófia Lóránd**

10.00 – 11.20 Session 1

Chair: **Adela Hîncu**, Imre Kertész Kolleg, Jena

**Miglena Todorova**, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto  
"Studying the Politics of Minority Women: A Note on Methods"

**Catalina Andricioaei**, Department of History and Civilisation, EUI Florence  
"Immoral vagabond" women and young fathers with "a family and children": Romani identity, gender, and state socialism in Romania (1950s-1980s)

11.20 – 11.40 Break

11.40 – 12.20 Session 1 cont.

**Elena Marushiakova and Vesselin Popov**, University of St Andrews  
"Roma Women Activism under Communist Rule: the cases of USSR (1920' and 1930's) and Bulgaria (1960's and 1970's)"

12.20 – 13.20 Lunch

13.20 – 14.50 Session 2

Chair: **Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz**, Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw

**Yulia Gradskova**, Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, Stockholm

“Soviet emancipation of ethnic minority women - approaches and problems”

**Botakoz Kassymbekova**, Faculty of History, University of Basel

"Female ageing after hunger: gender and trauma in Soviet Central Asia"

14.50 – 15.20 Coffee break

15.20 – 17.00 Session 3

Chair: **Zsófia Lóránd**, Wolfson College / Faculty of History, University of Cambridge

**Fanni Svégel**, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Doctoral School of History, Budapest

“Amplifying Peasant Women's Voices in Communist Romania: Struggle of Olga Nagy (1921--2006) from an Intersectional Perspective”

**Krisztina Rácz**, University of Belgrade, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory

"The beautiful, rich and invisible life of Ida S(z)abo"

## Day 2, 25<sup>th</sup> March

9.20 – 10.40 Session 1

Chair: **Celia Donert**, Wolfson College / Faculty of History, University of Cambridge

**Fabio Giomi**, CNRS, CETOBaC, Paris

“Locating Muslim Female Subjectivities in post-Ottoman Europe”

**Ivan Simić**, Charles University, Prague

“Transnational Gender Policies Towards Muslim Women in Yugoslavia and Bulgaria”

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Session 2

Chair: **Zsófia Lóránd**, Wolfson College / Faculty of History, University of Cambridge

**Catherine Baker**, University of Hull

“Reflecting on *Race and the Yugoslav Region* and histories of marginalised women”

**Karolina Lendák-Kabók**, Faculty of Philosophy and University Centre for Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies and Research (UCIMSI), University of Novi Sad

“Ethnicity and Gender during Socialism in Yugoslavia: an Academic Context”

12.30 – 13.40 Lunch

13.40 – 15.00 Session 3

Chair: **Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc**, Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana

**Elife Krasniqi**, Southeast European History and Anthropology, Institute of History, University of Graz

“The intersectional approach to examining the position of Albanian women in the socialist and post socialist period in Kosovo”

**Vjollca Krasniqi**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina

“Gender, Texts and Context of Socialism in Kosovo”

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee

15.30 – 16.30 **Closing discussion**

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