Gendering Epistemologies – Gender and Situated Knowledge: Perspectives from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

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 gueer 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.



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Concept and Organization PECEE

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.

Venue

13 October 2022

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ldeqopz4tE9ZZOD25hpuKbOcPhta5Sblc

14-15 October 2022

Liblice Castle - Conference Center of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Liblice 61, 277 32 Byšice



Conference

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Prague and Liblice 13 – 15 October 2022



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Thursday, 13.10.2022, Prague

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

Small reception

Friday, 14.10.2022, Liblice

12:00-13:00 Lunch

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

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

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

19:00-21:00 Dinner

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

Short coffee break

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

12:00-13:00 Lunch

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

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

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

17:30-18:00 Conclusions