



# WORKSHOP

## ENTANGLED HISTORIES OF FEMINIST ADVOCACIES IN THE INTERWAR BALKANS AND CENTRAL EUROPE (1923-1939)



**F.R.I.**  
Feminisms and Politics  
in the Interwar Balkans  
(1923-1939)

**19 & 20 MAY 2023**  
📍 University of Crete, Department of History and Archaeology, Room 56 & 9



**Friday, MAY 19**

09.30 – 09.40 **Welcome**  
DIMITRIS BOSNAKIS, Professor, Deputy Head of the Department of History and Archaeology

09.40 – 10.00 **Introduction to the Workshop**  
KATERINA DALAKOURA

**SESSION 1 Archival Research: Material Collected, Value for the Project, Gaps**

10.00 – 12.00 **Part 1 Sources in Greek Archives/Libraries**  
Chair DIMITRA SAMIOU

10.00 – 10.05  
10.05 – 11.05 *Feminist Journals, Daily Newspapers*  
CHARITOMENI GIASAFAKI, ELEFThERIA PAPASTEFANAKI, VANESSA GERAGORI, DIMITRA SAMIOU, KATERINA DALAKOURA

11.05 – 11.45 *Archival Material*  
DIMITRA SAMIOU, KATERINA DALAKOURA, ELENI FOURNARAKI

11.45 – 12.00 Coffee Break

**Part 2 Sources in Serbian, Bulgarian, Czech, Slovak and Romanian Archives/Libraries**

12.00 – 13.25  
12.00 – 12.05 Chair GABRIELA DUDEKOVÁ KOVÁČOVÁ

12.05 – 12.25 *Research in Serbian Archives/Libraries: Primary Sources Available*  
IVANA PANTELIĆ

12.25 – 12.45 *Bulgarian Sources – Sources for the Project*  
KRASSIMIRA DASKALOVA, VALENTINA MITKOVA

12.45 – 13.05 *Research in Prague's Archives*  
GABRIELA DUDEKOVÁ KOVÁČOVÁ

13.05 – 13.25 *Research in Romanian Archives and Libraries – Sources Available*  
MARIA BUCUR

**Part 3 A Digital Platform for the Feminisms in the Balkans and Central Europe**

13.25 – 14.00  
13.25 – 13.30 Chair KATERINA DALAKOURA

13.30 – 13.50 *From Archival Material to Archival Interlinked Data: Documenting the History of Feminism with the "Synthesis" System*  
PAVLOS FAFALIOS

13.50 – 14.00 **Conclusions**

14.00 – 16.30 Lunch Break

**SESSION 2 Methodology Issues: Theories, Approaches, and Concepts**

16.30 – 19.25  
16.30 – 16.35 Chair KRASSIMIRA DASKALOVA

16.35 – 17.00 *Entangled History of Women's Movements and Feminism*  
KRASSIMIRA DASKALOVA

17.00 – 17.25 *Discourse Analysis of the Language used at the Time; Examination of Advocacy in Relation to Policies Being Passed; who, if any, among the Little Entente are important*

*Voices; how to understand the Extent of Political Activism among Little Entente, in Particular the Shift from Performative Politics to Strategic Advocacy with Policy Makers*

MARIA BUCUR

17.25 – 17.50

*Politics, Feminisms, Feminist Activism, Feminist Policies and Feminist Militancy (Similarities and Differences)*

DIMITRA SAMIOU

17.50 – 18.15

*Nationalism and internationalism – legacies and new challenges in the international women's movements after WWI*

GABRIELA DUDEKOVÁ KOVÁČOVÁ

18.15 – 18.30

Coffee Break

18.30 – 18.55

*From 'the Private is Political' Approach to Women's/Feminist History to the Feminist Inter/transnational History. The Concept of 'Political' as a Main Research Question in the FEPiB Project*

KATERINA DALAKOURA

18.55 – 19.20

*Pacifism as a Model of Feminist Impact and Influence on Interwar Mainstream Politics*

IVANA PANTELIĆ

19.20 – 19.25

**Conclusions**

### Saturday, MAY 20

10.00 – 11.45

#### **SESSION 1 The Little Entente of Women: Approaches to a Regional Feminism Association**

Chair MARIA BUCUR

10.00 – 10.35

*Women's networks, Activists and Entanglements in the Interwar Balkans*

KRASSIMIRA DASKALOVA

10.35 – 11.10

*The Little Entente of Women and the Union of Slavic Women: Different Feminist and Political Aspirations versus Forms of Activities*

GABRIELA DUDEKOVÁ KOVÁČOVÁ

11.10 – 11.45

*The Second LEW Conference of 1924 and its Various Aspects as an International Organization*

IVANA PANTELIĆ

11.45 – 12.00

Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.45

#### **SESSION 2 The Little Entente of Women: Feminist Issues in a Balkan Central European Context**

Chair ELENI FOURNARAKI

12.00 – 12.35

*The Little Entente of Women and Minority Women's Groups in Romania*

MARIA BUCUR

12.35 – 13.10

*Struggling for peace and not for suffrage; Alliances and political affiliations of Balkan and Central European women suffragists during Interwar*

DIMITRA SAMIOU

13.10 – 13.45

*Motherhood and Children's Rights/Protection in the Context of the Little Entente of Women*

VAIA VANESSA GERAGORI

13.45 – 16.30

Lunch break

16.30 – 19.00

#### **SESSION 3 Other Inter-Balkan/Central European Feminist Collaborations**

Chair: IVANA PANTELIĆ

16.30 – 17.05

*Balkan Conferences (1930-1937) and the Participation of Women's Organizations. The Presence of LEW*

KATERINA DALAKOURA

17.05 – 17.40

*International Networks and Regional Initiatives of Socialist Women in the Interwar Period: The Case of the (Greek) Socialist Women's Group*

ELEFThERIA PAPAStEFANAKI

17.40 – 18.15

*The Lyceum Club of Greek Women; its International and Inter-Balkan Political Collaborations*

ELENI FOURNARAKI

18.15 – 18.50

*The Bulgarian Women's Social-Democratic Union and the Interwar Balkan/International Women's Conferences Represented by its Periodicals.*

VALENTINA MITKOVA

18.50 – 19.00

**Conclusions – Workshop Closure**

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