

Women's, Gender and Queer History – international developments and local perspectives

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Who makes and who writes history? For a long time, historical events have been viewed through a male-centric lense through which women and queer people's prospectives were not considered. In the meantime, "Women's, gender and queer history" is attracting international attention. The "Women's, gender and queer history" conference has set itself the goal of exploring the research field in its entirety for the South Tyrolean context. In addition to an international comparative view, the conference offers an initial overview of the still emerging research on the topic from a local perspective. It aims to provide ideas for how women's, gender and queer history can also find its way into everyday historical awareness in small-town and rural contexts. The event will also outline the different ways in which the term "minority" is used, which can refer to very differently positioned groups: National minorities that differ from the majority population of the state in terms of language and culture; people with sexual orientations that deviate from the supposed heterosexual norm; people with gender identities beyond male-female binary; population groups characterized by other diversity categories and who are often marginalized. In various case studies, we want to take a closer look at diversity in its historical dimension: how was sexual diversity practiced in the past? How much room to maneuver did women have in the pre-modern gender order? How was diversity suppressed, levelled out – or at times tolerated by social norms? A fresh look at history shows that diversity was more commonplace than previously acknowledged. For a region like South Tyrol where minorities have often clashed, this is an interesting finding that is also worth discussing in the current debate.

Programme

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09:00 – 09:10	<i>Welcome:</i> Marc Röggla (Director, Center for Autonomy Experience) Roland Psenner (President, Eurac Research)
PANEL 1: International women's, gender & queer history – history, meaning, similarities, Differences <i>Chair: Alexandra Cosima Budabin</i> (Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano)	
09:10 – 09:30	Lindsey Earner-Byrne (Trinity College, Dublin) – A minority within a minority: sexual liberation in 20th Century Ireland
09:30 – 09:50	Paola Stelliferi (University of Padua): History of feminism in Italy: from local to transnational
09:50 – 10:10	Benno Gammerl (European University Institute, Florence): Queer history in Germany
10:10 – 10:30	Maya de Leo (University of Pisa): Cultural history of the LGBTQIA+ community in Italy
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Discussion</i>
10:50 – 11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
PANEL 2: Minority History <i>Chair: Katharina Crepaz</i> (Center for Autonomy Experience, Bozen/Bolzano)	
11:10 – 11:30	Josef Prackwieser (Center for Autonomy Experience, Bozen/Bolzano): On the history of the term minority
11:30 – 11:50	Elisa Bellè (Sciences Po, Paris): History of women's rights movements in Trentino
11:50 – 12:10	Bojan Bilić (University of Vienna): Exploring LGBT activism in the Yugoslav Space
12:10 – 12:30	Pia Singer & Christoph Gürich (Munich City Museum): Munich seeks its LGBTIQ* history: collection and presentation of queer urban history
12:30 – 12:50	<i>Discussion</i>
12:50 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<i>Guided tour</i> – Gender & queer history in Bozen/Bolzano (Hannes Obermair , Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano & Franziska Cont , Free University of Bozen/Bolzano)

PANEL 3:**Women's, queer and gender history in South Tyrol**

Chair: **Johanna Mitterhofer** (Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano)

16:00 – 16:20	Siglinde Clementi (Zentrum für Regionalgeschichte, Brixen): Gender orders of the estate-based society
16:20 – 16:40	Georg Grote (Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano): Women at the “home front” in World War I
16:40 – 17:00	Alessandra Spada (Frauenarchiv Bozen / archivio storico delle donne, Bolzano): The role of women in educational and welfare politics in South Tyrol during fascism
17:00 – 17:20	Chiara Paris (Eurac Research, Bozen/Bolzano): Women's movements in South Tyrol
17:20 – 17:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
Chair: Giada Noto (Frauenarchiv Bozen / archivio storico delle donne, Bolzano)	
17:40 – 18:00	Lisa Settari (University Iași, Romania): Women-loving women in South Tyrol's history (from the 1970s to the early 2000s)
18:00 – 18:20	Martha Verdorfer (Frauenarchiv Bozen / Archivio storico delle donne, Bolzano): The relationship between women's and peace movements: the example of Women for Peace in South Tyrol
18:20 – 18:40	Franziska Cont (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano): Doing gender history in the local context – “Women's city book” Bruneck/Brunico
18:40 – 19:00	<i>Discussion and conclusion</i>

Anyone interested is welcome to attend the conference. Participation is free of charge and the presentations will be simultaneously translated into German, Italian and English. Simultaneous translation is not offered for transmission via Teams

Information on online or in person registration :

Registration deadline for attendance is 1.10.24.

Please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/QsAeHHusTP>

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