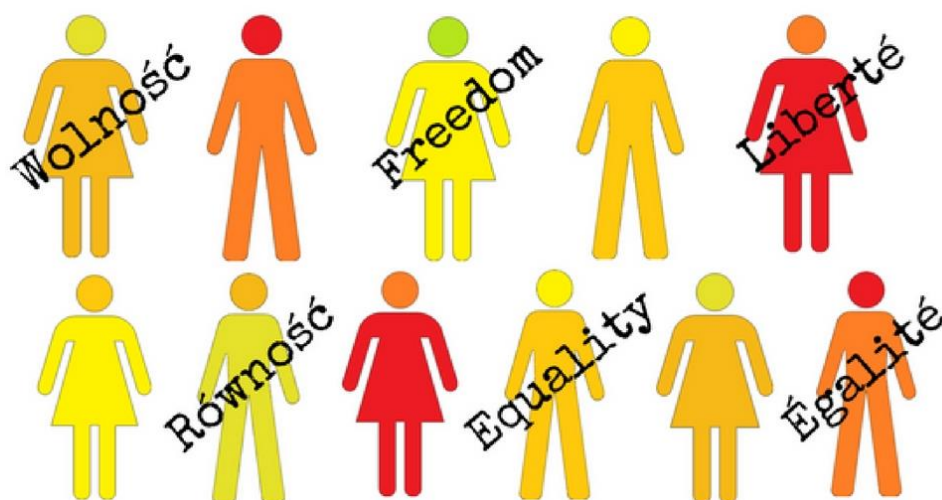


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International conference *Freedom, Equality... for Everyone?*
Women Fighting for Social Advancement 1700-1918

Historical Institute of the University of Wrocław, 20-21 XI 2018

*Woman has the right to mount the scaffold;
she must equally have the right
to mount the rostrum.*
– Olympe de Gouges (1791)

*The legal subordination of one sex to the other
is wrong in itself [...]; it ought to be replaced
by a principle of perfect equality, admitting
no power or privilege on the one side,
nor disability on the other.*
– John Stuart Mill (1861)

The Historical Institute of the University of Wrocław, together with the Institutes of English Studies and Romance Studies, invite scholars and PhD students to participate in the international conference *Freedom, Equality... for Everyone? Women Fighting for Social Advancement 1700-1918*, to be held in Wrocław, Poland, on **November 20-21, 2018**. The first words of the conference topic invoke the slogan of the French Revolution which aimed at democratizing society and, consequently, changing the old-world order. These postulates would seem to remain valid today, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, which contributed significantly to the progressive implementation of Enlightenment ideas, the enshrinement of the right to vote for women, and the establishment of gender equality in the majority of European countries. Although attempts to improve women's position in society can be observed throughout history, we would like to concentrate our discussion on "the long 18th and 19th centuries", as that era's political, economic, and – most importantly – mental transformations set the stage for 20th-century breakthroughs.

We encourage experienced researchers, young scholars, and PhD students to focus on the following issues:

STARTING POINT

- the position of women in societies: representations and realities;
- the social status of women in the comparative perspective (different countries and cultures);
- motivations to take action aimed at the emancipation of marginalised groups.

MEASURES AND METHODS, SUCCESSES AND FAILURES

- strategies of individuals, groups and organisations in their struggle for legal equality or against pro-democracy movements;
- circumstances facilitating women's social advancement; effects of specific actions and factors contributing to successes/defeats;
- attitudes towards changes in society.

NARRATION AND INTERPRETATION

- studying the emancipation of marginalised groups: current state of research, methods, difficulties and limitations, new subjects and perspectives;
- women's and other groups' struggles for social advancement, as represented in scholarly works, literature, visual arts, and mass media (press, cinema, comics, games, Internet);
- the issue of gender in political and journalistic discourses.

The aforementioned issues indicate the main directions of the anticipated discussion; however, we strongly encourage the submission of other proposals related to the main theme of the conference.

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CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

English, French, Polish

APPLICATION

Abstracts should be submitted by **June 30, 2018** via the registration form available at the following address:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Lo9W5y01OQvVxBYz2>

FEES

There is no conference fee. Meals and conference materials, as well as publication, are provided by the organisers. We are currently seeking additional funding, so details concerning accommodation will be communicated in **May 2018**. Travel expenses will not be covered.

PUBLICATION

The organizers will publish a monograph. The deadline for articles based on conference papers is **February 28, 2019**.

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