

ASPASIA

Women's Movements and Feminisms in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe

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General information:

We are pleased to introduce *Aspasia*, a refereed international yearbook for Women's and Gender History of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. *Aspasia* will be published by Berghahn Books, New York and Oxford, starting in 2006.

Its editors are Francisca de Haan (Central European Univ., Budapest), Maria Bucur (Indiana Univ.) and Krassimira Daskalova (St. Kliment Ohridski Univ. of Sofia). The editorial board consists of Gisela Bock, Elena Gapova, Jasmina Lukić, Natalia Pushkareva, Bonnie Smith, Natalie Zemon Davis and Anna Zarnowska.

Deadline for submissions: April 15, 2005.

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The first issue of *Aspasia* will be devoted to the theme of *Women's Movements and Feminisms in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe*.

While there is an increasing interest in this important topic, with some exceptions (e.g. Russia) relatively little has been published in English about the history of women's movements or feminisms in the region on the basis of primary research. Moreover, there is hardly any international comparative research on this topic, either within the region or between countries of our region and other places. Among the questions that we hope the authors will pursue are the following:

- Did feminism have a history of its own in Central, Eastern, and South Eastern Europe?
- What was the role of nationalism and of religion in inducing or hindering the development of women's movements?
- What was the relationship between feminism and socialism; feminism and anarchism; feminism and right-wing nationalism in the interwar period; and between feminism and liberalism in the context of the region?
- Within which political cultures did women's movements and /or feminisms develop? – What aspirations did feminists in the region have? What did their feminist utopias look like?
- What role did ethnic, class, and other differences among women play in women's activism?
- How important were international connections and forms of cooperation, either within the region (the *Little Entente of Women*) or broader (the ICW, IWSA/IAW, WILPF, international socialist women's networks, other international feminist networks)? Which factors made these forms of international cooperation possible or problematic?
- Were there significant similarities and or differences with women's movements and feminisms in other parts of the world?
- For the more recent periods we are also interested in historical analyses based on oral history material.

Articles using multi- and interdisciplinary approaches are most welcome, but they should have a historical dimension or use historical modes of analysis. We also look for articles dealing with contemporary/recent history. While submissions with a strong empirical focus would be welcome, we would look for articles written within an explicit theoretical framework and/or engaging with theoretical problems.