

## Woman – knowledge, sciences, universities

### Europe and the world

International conference

October 21-23, 2016, Warsaw, Poland

Warsaw University will be celebrating its two-hundredth anniversary in 2016. The history of the University is irrevocably connected to such dramatic events in the history of Poland as the partitions, the November Uprising or the Nazi occupation. The celebration of the University's anniversary is a good moment to consider the changes which can be observed in sciences and humanities during the last two centuries, in Poland as well as abroad.

While celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of our University we would like to invite you to an interdisciplinary conference organized by the Institute of Romance Studies, The German Institute and the Interdisciplinary Research Team "Studies of the Cultures of the Past." The conference is a part of the project "Women of the Past" and it aims to investigate the role and position of women in transformations concerning sciences, humanities and university education in general.

First female students were admitted to the University of Warsaw in 1915, while the Sorbonne opened its door for women already in the 1860s. The best known Polish scientist of international renown, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, started her studies in Paris in 1891. Polish oldest university – the Jagiellonian University in Kraków – admitted women in 1894, although they were not entitled to any diplomas. In contrast, slightly over a hundred years later, the number of women in universities equals or sometimes exceeds the number of male students; moreover, many women pursue their careers in sciences and preside over university councils. From 2005 till 2012 Warsaw University was led by a female Rector – Professor Katarzyna Chałasińska-Macukow.

Therefore, during our conference we would like to contemplate the changes in women's education and their path to knowledge in Poland, Europe and the world, from the remote past till the present moment.

The range of topics is very broad. Presentations may focus on, but are not limited to, the following issues:

1. Female education: past and present.
2. Female teachers and educators.
3. First female university students.
4. Academic careers for women, in the past and now.
5. "Male" sciences.
6. Biographies of female researchers.
7. Women and the Church(es).
8. Women fighting for the right to education.
9. Education of men and women, now and in the past.
10. Women in university authorities.
11. Women's organizations/associations.
12. Gender Studies inside and outside universities.
13. Women in education: research methods.

We welcome contributions from various fields. You are kindly asked to submit a proposal including your name, affiliation, the title of your proposed paper and its abstract (up to 3.000 characters) in English, French or German. Please email the proposals to the following addresses:

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The deadline for the proposals is 31 January. You will be notified of the acceptance of your presentation by 1 March, 2016.

The conference fee is 100 € and includes the cost of refreshments and the publication of the post-conference volume. Travel and accommodation costs are not covered by the fee.

The conference will be held in English, French and German.

The conference venue is Warsaw University, The Faculty of Modern Languages, Dobra 55, Warsaw.

Conference Organizers:

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