

CALL FOR PAPERS

Gender and Queer Perspectives in the Humanities

Conference aimed at doctoral students

is organized by

The Center for Gender Studies of The Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Charles University on

November 6, 2020 in Prague

The Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Charles University, Náměstí Jana Palacha 1/2, Praha 1
(Jan Palach Square 1/2, Prague 1)

The conference wants to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Božena Němcová (1820–1862), the Czech writer who was bilingual and bicultural in Czech and German. Božena Němcová was a remarkable writer who has become acclaimed and widely interpreted by Czech generations to come, appropriated by them in accord with their varied cultural and political goals. In the course of two centuries since her death, her life and work have been melted and processed into different facets of a still attractive national myth containing facts as well as objectives and desires of the interpreters. Therefore, new returns to Božena Němcová pose challenges, traps and dangers. It has been proved that recent approaches to Němcová applying gender lens may be productive, revealing and demystifying. That is why we believe that Božena Němcová can become the patron of this conference which is supposed to be a platform for doctoral students who have opted for gender lens and gender analysis as inspiring and/or relevant for their research.

Even though feminist, gender and queer approaches in the humanities seem currently to have strong representation, they are dispersed across many institutions: We would like to make it possible for the participants to meet other young scholars with interests in a feminist, gender and/or queer approach that converge with theirs in focus and method, and initiate a discussion that will hopefully continue after the conference meeting.

The conference addresses mainly doctoral students in literary and theatre studies, philosophy, esthetics, linguistics, arts history, history, musical studies, translation studies, anthropology, and media studies. The organizers welcome contributions about the methodology of research as well as contributions presenting some single topic of research or a completed chapter of the dissertation.

The deadline for abstracts of papers is August 31, 2020, sent to gender@ff.cuni.cz. The abstracts cannot be longer than 1 500 signs (without spaces), in Times New Roman 12. It is possible to use another page for references to primary and secondary sources. The allotted time for a paper is 20 minutes (+ discussion). Presentations of papers will be in Czech, Slovak and English. The organizers assume the right of assessing and selecting the papers on the basis of their abstracts. The authors will be informed about the acceptance by September 16, 2020.

We are looking forward to your contributions!

Organizers: doc. Mgr. Libuše Heczková, Ph.D., PhDr. Eva Kalivodová, Ph.D., Mgr. Olga Słowik, doc. PhDr. Kateřina Svatoňová, Ph.D.