

Overview MATILDA

MATILDA is the first Joint European Master Degree in Women's and Gender History. Set up as part of the Erasmus programme with funding from the European Commission, DG Education and Culture, MATILDA is designed for students wishing to develop expertise in women's and gender history, as well as in European history, and who are interested in intercultural exchange. The process of accreditation is under way.

The programme of study is spread over two years, includes 120 ECTS points and links five leading European universities in an exciting, innovative and unique venture. The partner institutions are the *Universität Wien (coordinating institution)*, *the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski*, *the Université Lumière Lyon 2*, *the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest*, *the University of Nottingham*.

Students can expect to study in at least two different countries over the course of four semesters.

The MATILDA curriculum includes courses in core subjects in Women's and Gender History (theory, methodology, and practice) and specialist options covering medieval to modern historical epochs, such as: History of Nationalism and Post-/Colonialism and History of Post-/Socialism; History of Masculinities; History of Gender in the Sciences; History of Gender and Work; History of Gender and Education; Comparative History of Women's Movements, Women's Oral History and Gender and Religion.

MATILDA supports integrative perspectives which go beyond local, regional, and national histories in order to situate these histories, as well as European history as a whole, in broader contexts. With its focus on comparative, entangled and transnational history, MATILDA aims to: *explore the history of gender differences and similarities in European cultures and societies;*

investigate the role of gender in shaping European history;
challenge gender inequalities.

In addition to studying in at least two different countries there will also be a summer Intensive Programme during which all students on the course will come together with faculty in order to learn and to strengthen cooperation.

Transparency and comparability will be assured through the European Credit Transfer System and Diploma Supplement.

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The first course in Women's and Gender History was established at Sofia University in 1999, at the Department of Theory and History of Culture, part of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences. Since 2000 various women's and gender history courses have been taught within the first MA programme in Gender Studies in the country (as part of the same Faculty). Today Sofia University professors offer courses focused on gender aspects of Social and Cultural History of South Eastern Europe, History of Everyday Life, of Nationalism, Communism and Post- Communism, of Femininities and Masculinities. Besides, the Sofia MATILDA faculty offers profound courses in theories and methods (of history in general and women's and gender history in particular, including oral history). Teaching at Sofia University includes both lectures and seminars.

Year 1

I. Semester: 30 ECTS (Autumn semester 2008-2009)

10 ECTS Gender Historiography 5 ECTS: Introduction to

Women's/Gender History*Krassimira Daskalova* 5 ECTS: Gender History of Everyday Life: The Kitchen as Social Space*Raina Gavrilova*

10 ECTS: Theories and Methods 5 ECTS: Foundations in Historical Theories: Die geschichtliche Erkenntnis: Begriffe, Methoden, Problemstellungen*Teodora Karamelska* 5 ECTS: Introduction to

Historical Methods (Oral History):*Daniela Koleva*

10 ECTS: Introduction to Feminist Theory: 5 ECTS: Construction of Femininity in the Hebrew Bible*Milena Kirova* 5 ECTS: Representations of Gender across Cultures: the Past and the Present*Kornelia Slavova*

5 ECTS: Modernist Women*Ralitsa Muharska* 5 ECTS: Gender and Visual Representations*Nadya Radulova*

Electives: Up to 10 ECTS Language Courses: Instructor(s) to be confirmed

II. Semester: 30 ECTS (Spring semester 2008-2009)

3 x 10 ECTS Electives

10 ECTS: Gendering the Balkan Histories 5 ECTS: Women and Gender in the Medieval South Eastern Europe (Bulgaria and Byzantine Empire) *Sashka Georgieva* 5 ECTS: Women on the Central Balkans during the Early Centuries of Ottoman Rule (15th –17th C) *Olga Todorova* 5 ECTS: Women, Gender, Identity, and the Cultural Production of Knowledge in the Balkans, 19th -20th *Krassimira Daskalova* 5 ECTS: Men and Balkans in the Gaze of the West *Dimitar Kamburov* 5 ECTS: Everyday Life in South Eastern Europe (19th-20th C) *Dobrinka Parusheva*

10 ECTS: History of Social Relations: 5 ECTS: Marriage and the Formation of the “Self” *Nedialka Videva* 5 ECTS: Minority Women in Modern Bulgaria (19th-mid 20thC) *Georgeta Nazarska* 5 ECTS: Women in the Social Work in Southeast Europe 19th–20th C *Kristina Popova* 5 ECTS: Women’s Movements and Feminisms, 19th-20thC: America, Europe, and South Eastern Europe *Krassimira Daskalova*

10 ECTS: Gender and Identity Politics in the Balkans/Eastern Europe (Nationalism, Socialism, and Post-Communism) 5 ECTS: Bulgarian Identities and the Horizons of Europe *Tatyana Stoycheva* 5 ECTS: The European Family in a Historical Perspective *Svetla Baloutzova* 5 ECTS: Women in Minorities: Overlaying of Inequalities (Sociological Aspects) *Maya Grekova* 5 ECTS: Digital Information Resources in Women and Gender History *Krassimira Anguelova*

Up to 10 ECTS: Language Courses: *Instructor(s) to be confirmed*
Year 2

III. Semester: 30 ECTS (Autumn semester 2009-2010)

10 ECTS Intensive Programme Institutions, Movements, and Spaces (August 31-September 13, 2009 – Lyon)

10 ECTS: Construction of Gender Identities in the

Balkans/Electives: 5 ECTS: The Plague: a Cultural History of the Disease *Nadya Manolova* 5 ECTS: Gender, Marriage and Family in Bulgarian Society during the First Half of the 20th Century *Tsvetana Boncheva* 5 ECTS: Women Artists and Architects in the Modern art of Bulgaria *Irina Genova and Liubinka Stoilova* 5 ECTS: Women and Education in Bulgaria (19th -20th Centuries) *Georgeta Nazarska*

10 ECTS: Gender, Femininity, Masculinity and Identity Politics in the Balkans/Eastern Europe 5 ECTS: Masculinity and Politics in Modern Bulgaria (1879-1944) *Stefan Dechev* 5 ECTS: Konstruktionen

von "Maennlichkeit" und Weiblichkeit in Sozialistischen Tageszeitungen
Anelia Kassabova 5 ECTS: Tales of Love: Gender History of Affective
Relationships in South Eastern Europe (19th-20th C) *Nadejda*
Alexandrova

IV. Semester: 30 ECTS (Spring semester 2010)

Thesis: 70 – 100 pp. + bibliography (Submission: 30 June)

**Exam: 2 reports by 2 faculty members from different institutions (+
oral defence)**

Supervision / workshops