

AGAINST CONVENTIONS. UNCOMMON SOCIAL ROLES OF WOMEN AND MEN FROM EARLY MODERN TIMES TO 1945

NA PRZEKÓR KONWENCJOM. NIESZABLONOWE
ROLE SPOŁECZNE KOBIET I MĘŻCZYŻN OD
CZASÓW NOWOŻYTYNYCH DO 1945 ROKU

HISTORICAL INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF WROCLAW
30 XI - 1 XII 2017



CALL FOR PAPERS

August 30th, 2017 - deadline for abstract submission
Conference languages: English, Polish

International conference *Against Conventions. Uncommon Social Roles of Women and Men from Early Modern Times to 1945*

Historical Institute of the University of Wrocław, 30 XI - 1 XII 2017

[...] *insze są zabawy męskie, jako uczyć,
rządzić, kupczyć, żołnierką służyć, a insze
białogłowskie, jako prząść, szyć,
wyszywać, haftować*

[...] *different are male's amusements, that means to teach,
to rule, to trade, to serve in the army, and different are
women's, that means to mill, to sew,
to cobbler, to broider*
Sebastian Petrycy from Pilzno (1554-1626)

The Historical Institute of the University of Wrocław hereby invites scholars and PhD students to join us for the international conference: *Against Conventions. Uncommon Social Roles of Women and Men from Early Modern Times to 1945* to be held in Wrocław, **November 30th – December 1st, 2017**. The organizers propose to use tools which the category of gender gives in humanistic and social studies. However, we would like to overcome present tendencies to separate studies related to women or men. We hope that during the meeting it will be possible to capture mechanisms occurred while undertaking tasks which were contrary to social norms from both „feminine”, and „masculine” perspectives. We are aware that definitely more women struggled with social boundaries. Nevertheless, we consider the reflection on men's experience, who also faced such challenges, as equally important.

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

A) METHODOLOGY-CURRENT STATE OF RESEARCH-PERSPECTIVES:

- methodology of *gender studies*
- difficulties and obstacles in studies on social roles
- current state of research regarding social roles
- new themes and research perspectives

B) ACTIONS AND MOTIVATIONS:

- uncommon actions taken by women/men
- circumstances under which one might/was forced to play an untypical role traditionally assigned to the opposite sex

- motivation to act against the formulaic schemes
- strategies for action
- factors determining success/defeat

C) CONSEQUENCES:

- behavior and emotions of people who were undertaking activities characteristic for the opposite sex
- “import” of attitudes resulted from traditional tasks in family and society to “new” roles
- reproducing models of behavior characteristic for the opposite sex
- attitudes of people performing typical roles towards these women or men who were taking actions against the conventions
- mechanisms related to crossing the boundaries from comparative perspective (in different countries and cultures)

D) BELIEFS AND PERCEPTIONS:

- division into „feminine” and „masculine” roles and changes in their perception
- attitudes towards women/men acting differently to adopted standards; consequences of the progressive emancipation of women
- characteristic of groups and individuals who tried to combat stereotypical thinking about roles of women and men in society: their strategies, motivation and results of actions
- who, for what purpose, by what methods and with what result tried to retain *status quo* in division into „feminine” and „masculine” social roles.

The aforementioned issues indicate the main directions of discussion, nonetheless we encourage to submit other proposals related to the main theme of the conference.

Organization Committee:

Prof. Leszek Ziátkowski
Dorota Wiśniewska
Magdalena Gibiec

Conference languages: English, Polish

We kindly ask You to submit your abstract by August 30th, 2017 via the registration form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdy6Z3Ny5jBuVLrMXbAEcfGvfZ2TahgmobFTjM-DFETW5a8BQ/viewform>

Applicants will receive a response as to whether their proposal has been accepted by mid-September.

We do not cover costs of transport, however there is no conference fee and the conference materials, meals (lunches, coffee breaks, official dinner on the first day of the conference), as well as accommodation (2 nights) are provided.

The organizers are going to publish a monograph. The deadline for articles based on conference papers is February 28th, 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions:

conferences.uwr@gmail.com

Website:

<https://uncommonsocialrolesconference.wordpress.com/>