CALL FOR PAPERS

The First Feminist and Education Congress, a hundred years later

Women, Rights and Citizenship in the Construction of Democratic Societies

May 16th and 17th, 2024

NOVA FCSH, Campolide Campus, Colégio Almada Negreiros, Lisbon

This International Seminar is promoted by the **Resistência no Feminino Network**, an initiative from HTC – História, Territórios e Comunidades – CFE NOVA FCSH.



Opening – Round Table – "Women's history – what is it for? Challenges and practices". With the participation of:

- Anne Cova (ICS ULisboa)
- Dominique Gay-Sylvestre (FLSH Universidade de Limoges/Red Internacional ALE)
- Françoise Thébaud (Institut des Études Genre Universidade de Genebra)
- Irene Vaquinhas (CHSC UC)
- Mónica Moreno Seco (IUIEG Universidad de Alicante)









The First Feminist and Education Congress

The First Feminist and Education Congress, held in Lisbon between May 5th and 9th, 1924, represented an important milestone in the history of the Portuguese feminist movement. It was the first event of its kind organized by a women's association, it received the support of prominent personalities of several political and intellectual circles and the adherence of national and international feminist figures and organizations, and above all it's worth is underlined by the variety of approaches and themes presented for debate and reflection. Of the 25 theses presented at the Congress, some themes stand out: political demands, the situation of women in the family, in marital relations and at work, the role of women in education, assistance, municipal administration and in the fight against alcoholism and begging, the protection of underprivileged children and pregnant women, the nationality of married women, sexual education, abolitionism and naturism.

The Congress was organized by the National Council of Portuguese Women (Conselho Nacional das Mulheres Portuguesas – CNMP), ten years after its foundation by Doctor Adelaide Cabete (1867-1935) and Professor Maria Clara Correia Alves (1869-1948), and it also counted with the support of many other feminists. Affiliated in the International Council of Women, founded in Washington in 1888, the CNMP aimed to federate associations and societies that dealt closely with the interest of women and children, in order to create a network of solidary for female emancipation and social transformation. Of all the feminist associations created in the first two decades of the 20th century, the CNMP was the one that lasted the longest, having gone through three political regimes: the First Republic, the Military Dictatorship, and the Estado Novo. 33 years of militancy and activism in favour of women's legal, social, and political rights until it was compulsory closed by the Estado Novo in 1947.









Call for papers:

Over the last 150 years, feminist movements have taken on multiple paths and conquered several achievements, exerting constant pressure on the established powers to recognize women's rights for equality and parity in society. This path wasn't linear, nor was it free from problems or reached its end. There is still a lot to do, to claim and to achieve.

This International Seminar aims to create an open space for reflection and debate on multidisciplinary studies that fall within the thematic areas of women's rights and public participation in all dimensions of life in society, past and present. Stimulating the historiographical renewal of Women's and Gender History, but also seeking a collaborative, interdisciplinary and international approach, we will revisit the First Feminist and Education Congress, taking in mind the paths, achievements, and contributions of social and feminist movements to the construction of citizenship in democratic societies.

Therefore, we call for participation, through the **submission of proposals within the following thematic lines** (without excluding others correlated):

- Feminist Movements in Portugal during the 20th century: organization, protagonists, and vindications;
- Feminist Movements during the 21st century: achievements and challenges;
- Women in public and political life during the 20th and 21st centuries;
- Women in the transition to democracy in Portugal: April 25th and PREC;
- African Women and Women of African descent;
- Women, trade unionism and work;
- Women in education;
- Women in the arts, literature, and culture;
- Women in Science;
- Women in the economic field;
- Migrant and refugee women;
- Women's rights and human rights;
- Women's resistance and struggles: past and present;









Women in contemporary times: transnational and comparative perspectives;

Concepts, practices and methodologies in Women's and Gender History.

The First Feminist and Education Congress, a hundred years later Internacional

Seminar will take place on May 16th and 17th, 2024, at NOVA FCSH, Campolide

Campus, Colégio Almada Negreiros, Lisbon. We invite all researchers and others to

submit communications around the themes mentioned above.

Proposals Submission

Proposals for communication should be accompanied by a title, an abstract (maximum

3500 characters), three keywords, a brief biographic note (maximum 750 characters) and

contact details (email and phone). Accepted communications will result in 15-minute

presentations and may be presented in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

Proposals should be summited through the following form until March 10th, 2024:

https://forms.gle/PK2vnSSqgnJgfB9v7

Important dates

Submission of proposals: March 10th, 2024

Notification of proposals acceptance: March 30th, 2024

Program announcement: April 15th, 2024

Deadline for registrations: May 10th, 2024









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