

CENTRE FOR GENDER HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



Crowds gather in George Square, Glasgow, for a rally supporting the UCU Higher Education Strike

University of Glasgow's Centre for Gender History brings together one of the largest concentrations of gender historians in the UK.

For more visit our updated website at:
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/genderhistory/>



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The Centre for Gender History **stands in solidarity** with all those within higher education striking and taking action short of a strike (ASOS) for **better pay, working conditions and pensions**. UCU members worked tirelessly to support students throughout the challenging conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic and generated record income for the sector, while seeing their **pay cut by 25% since 2009**, their **pensions slashed**, and their **workloads increased** to breaking point.

The widespread use of **precarious contracts** particularly impacts those with caring responsibilities and/or from minoritised communities, with around **one third** of all **academic staff on fixed-term contracts** and **18% of higher education institutions** still using **zero-hours contracts** (Precarious work in higher education, UCU report, 2019).

The **strikes** are widely **supported** by **students**, the National Union of Students' president, Chloe Field, stating in November 2022 **'Staff teaching conditions are students' learning conditions, and we must fight together for a fairer, healthier education system for everyone who works and studies.'**

More information on the **UCU Rising campaign** can be found here: https://www.ucu.org.uk/rising_



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8 MARCH 2023

**ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE FOR GENDER HISTORY AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW GENDER AND SEXUALITIES
INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK**

We're delighted to share a great line-up of interdisciplinary events on funding **feminist research**, **feminist pedagogies**, and the role of **strike action** within **feminist activism** for **International Women's Day 2023**. Please register for the event [HERE](#). Lunch, coffee, and tea will be provided. The agenda for the day is as follows, and you're welcome to join us for as many/few events as you wish.

12-1pm

Termly meet-up of the UofG Gender and Sexualities Interdisciplinary Network.

Join colleagues from across the University of Glasgow to explore common research interests and potential collaborations. Speakers for our Spring meeting will include **Mary Ryan**, from the **Glasgow Centre for International Development**, who will discuss funding applications for **2023-24 GCID Small Grants Fund Women and Girls in Education theme (deadline 31st March)** and **Marzanna Antoniak**, coordinator of Glasgow's **Migrant Voice**, a migrant-led national organisation building a community of migrant voices, who will share with us the work of the organisation's Women's Group and discuss potential collaborations with UofG members. To join the **Network's** mailing list please click [here](#).

Location: Halliday Room (School of Law). Please contact Dr Ana Cannilla (ana.cannilla@glasgow.ac.uk) for further enquires.



1-2pm

Critical incidents in feminist pedagogy: teaching, strikes and activism

An interdisciplinary co-learning space to discuss what **feminist teaching and learning** looks like at the UofG. Given the roots of IWD in the **labour movement** and the **ongoing industrial action** staff are currently undertaking, we kick off the session with some reflections on critical incidents which changed the speaker's perception of learning and teaching in light of action to transform the university. We aim for a collaborative event led by both students and staff.

Location: Halliday Room (School of Law). Please contact Dr Jenny Morrison (Jenny.Morrison@glasgow.ac.uk) for further enquiries.

2-3pm

Feminist pedagogies reading group

The Centre for Gender History is welcoming all interested staff and postgraduate students – from any subject area – to join our **reading group** dedicated to exploring **feminist approaches to teaching methods** in Higher Education. Focus for our discussion will be **Chung Young Ai, 'A feminist pedagogy through online education', Asian Journal of Women's Studies, 22.4 (2016)**.

Location: Room 312 (Schaper Room), 67 Oakfield Avenue (accessed via no. 69). Please contact Dr Tanya Cheadle (Tanya.Cheadle@glasgow.ac.uk) or Alana McPake (AlanaRachel.McPake@glasgow.ac.uk) for further enquiries.



MORE EVENTS ORGANISED BY COLLEAGUES AROUND THE COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY ON OCCASION OF IWD

- (7 March) Scottish PEN's International Women's Day will take place via Zoom and will feature Zöe Strachan alongside a diverse range of women writers.

<https://scottishpen.org/international-womens-day-event-embracing-equity/>

- (8 March) University of Glasgow staff and students are invited to mark International Women's Day on 8 March 2023 at screening of the Seeds of Vandana Shiva (18.00 Kelvin Hall Lecture Theatre).

Colleagues from the Food Sovereignty Network, Dr Julia McClure (School of Humanities, University of Glasgow) and Dr Sourit Bhattacharya (School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, University of Edinburgh) will provide contributions to add context and reflections on the themes of the film from their work and that of the Food Sovereignty Network.



There will be opportunity for people to connect after the event over food and refreshments. This event concerns the themes of **ecofeminism**, **food sovereignty**, **biodiversity** and **climate justice**, as well as highlighting the role of marginalised peoples, including women, in these important forms of resistance and activism.

Please register your attendance at the event virtually or in-person.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to licensing permissions, virtual screening of the film will only be available to current University of Glasgow staff and students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CENTRE FOR GENDER HISTORY'S SEMINARS

MARCH 2023

Wed 22, 2-3.30pm - Research Seminar, on zoom:
Anna Becker (Aarhus University): 'Oriental Despotism before despotisme oriental? Female Bodies and the Mughal Regime in English and French Political Thought'

APRIL 2023

Wed 19, 2-3pm - hybrid, Room 312 (Schaper Room), 67 Oakfield Avenue (accessed via no.69):
'Feminist Pedagogies Reading Group: Indigenous Approaches'

Thu 20, 11am-1pm - Workshop for MSc students in person at the National Library of Scotland:
'Researching Women's and Gender History at the National Library of Scotland'

MAY 2023

Wed 3, 2-3pm - hybrid, Room 312 (Schaper Room), 67 Oakfield Avenue (accessed via no.69):
'Feminist Pedagogies Reading Group: Masculinities'





Wed 10, 2-3.30pm - Research Seminar, hybrid/McKechnie Room, 10 UofG (in partnership with Women's History Scotland):
Charlie Lynch (Queen's University Belfast), 'Heterosex and Religion in the Long 1950s in Scotland'

JUNE 2023

Mon 5, 2-4pm - Annual lecture in Global Gender History, with a postgraduate masterclass the following day.
Prof Laurie Marhoefer (Jon Bridgman Endowed Professor of History at Washigton University), details TBC

Registration details and title to follow but people can save the date.

Any questions, please email arts-genderhistory@glasgow.ac.uk

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HUFTON READING GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Wednesday **15th March** 3pm

Julia Vallius (University of Glasgow)

Room 407, 1 Uni Gardens

Looking for Women in Medieval Documents

Wednesday **29th March**
3.30pm

Anna McEwan (University of Glasgow)

Thompson room, 3 Uni Gardens

Continuity and Change: The renewal of the Democratic Women's League of Germany during German unification (1989-1990)

Friday **21st April** 2-4 pm

Glasgow Women's Library

Meeting point: outside the Kelvingrove Museum on the Argyle Street side

West End Women's Heritage Walk

Tuesday **3rd May** 11am-1pm
Online

Workshop with HYKKE research cluster
(University of Jyväskylä)

Events will be in person with the option to attend remotely via Zoom (unless stated otherwise)
For more information or Zoom links please email arts-hufton@glasgow.ac.uk

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

On Friday 17 February, we were delighted to welcome to Glasgow **Ashleigh Coren** and **Chanelle Pickens** from the **Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative**. We are partnering with them in the co-creation of a **new online masters module on American Women's History**, which will be available from September this year to students on the MSc Gender History and the new online MSc Global Gender History (as well as those on other selected programmes).

The course will be taught by **Dr Peggy Brunache**, with the learning centred around objects carefully chosen from the Smithsonian Institute's vast collections to illuminate wider themes and historiographical debates in American women's history. The course is **inter-disciplinary**, with the course creation team including colleagues from **Gender History, American History, Museum Studies, and Museum Education**.

After over a year of meeting with Ashleigh and Chanelle online, it was great to finally meet them in person! They participated in a full day of events, including a Showcase highlighting the latest research in American gender history at the University of Glasgow, a heritage careers Q & A, and a postgraduate workshop on the new course.



Image: Chanelle Pickens, Tanya Cheadle, Ashleigh Coren (at the Burrell Collection)

PhD Researchers Anna McEwan and Marianna Golinucci wrote a blog piece for the *History Workshop Journal*, 'Reproductive (In)justice Across Political Divides', exploring the racialised dimension of reproductive policies in the UK and the GDR in the 1970s and 1980s. Read the full piece:

<https://www.historyworkshop.org.uk/sexuality/reproductive-injustice-across-political-divides/>



Do also look up Anna's review of Dr Jane Freeland's new book 'Feminist transformations and domestic violence activism in divided Berlin, 1968–2002', which can be accessed here:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09612025.2023.2167265?scroll=top&needAccess=true&role=tab>

Colleagues within the Centre for Gender History and around the History department have recently collaborated with **BBC Scotland** as academic consultants for the creation of the four-part documentary **Women Who Changed Modern Scotland**, produced by Two Rivers Media and in collaboration with The Open University.

Consultants included **Dr Valerie Wright** (working on the entire series), **Dr Henry Dee** and **PhD Researcher Marianna Golinucci** (on episode 2, 'Having It All', exploring women's 1980s-1990s activism in Scotland, from anti-racist organising to campaigns to end violence against women).

The entire series is available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

