

## PROGRAMME

# WHERE WERE WE HEADING TO? WHERE ARE WE HEADING TO?

## EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AS ACTORS IN THE UPHEAVALS OF 1989/90 AND TODAY

27 to 29 September 2019

In 1989 and the period immediately before and after it, the citizens of the GDR and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe came together in a range of protest movements. Women played a significant role as actors in the popular movements of the time. 30 years after the birth of these peaceful revolutions, we will be exploring the hopes and visions of social change that drove these campaigners and asking whether there were specific ›women's issues‹ or feminist perspectives on the transformations that took place in these societies.

The conference will provide a forum for socio-political actors from both the older and younger generations in Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation to exchange their views and experiences. Those who campaigned at the time will share their experiences. With an eye on the future, younger activists will report on how they are influencing socio-political developments in their countries today. Together we will seek to identify cross-border spaces with potential for shaping our future coexistence in Europe.



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## FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

### WOMEN AS ACTORS IN THE UPHEAVALS OF 1989/90

**9:30 – 10:00**

Registration

**10:00 – 11:00**

Welcome speeches

Introduction

moderated by Dana Jirouš, Inga Luther

**11:00 – 11:30**

Coffee break

**11:30 – 13:00**

**Women as Actors in the Upheavals of 1989/90**

Presentation by **Marina Grasse**,  
co-founder Friedenskreis Pankow and OWEN e.V., Germany

Followed by a panel debate with  
**Jiřina Šiklová**, co-founder Gender Studies Prag  
and Social Work Studies, Czech Republic  
**Ludmila Popkova**, Director of the Samara Centre  
for Gender Research, Samara, Russian Federation  
**Marina Grasse**, co-founder Friedenskreis Pankow  
and OWEN e.V., Germany  
**Jolanta Plakwicz**, co-founder of the Polish Feminist Association  
and the PSF Women's Centre Foundation, Poland  
moderated by Anne Ulrich

**13:00 – 14:30**

Lunch

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Visions and Objectives of Actors in 1989 and Today**

Parallel workshops

Workshop 1

**Visions for Societies  
in Europe**

moderated by Margarete  
Misselwitz, Irina Ilisei

Workshop 2

**Fundamental Rights,  
Constitution and Democracy**

moderated by Joanna  
Barelkowska,  
Natalia Taubina

Workshop 3

**The Economic Transformation  
of Property and Labour**

moderated by Dana Jirouš,  
Klára Cozlová

Workshop 4

**Communication between State  
and Society: the Policy-Forming  
Processes and representation  
of Interests**

moderated by Ruth Misselwitz,  
Johana Jonáková

**16:00 – 16:30**

Coffee break

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Visions and Objectives of Actors in 1989 and Today**

Continuation of the parallel workshops

**Ab 18:30**

Evening meal at the Brasserie Schoenholz  
(Wolfshagener Str. 87, 13178 Berlin)

**SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**1989 – 30 YEARS ON:  
WOMEN AS ACTORS OF UPHEAVALS**

**10:00 – 11:30**

**Upheavals 30 years after 1989: a feminist perspective**

Presentation by **Jennifer Ramme**, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder

Followed by a panel discussion with

**Michaela Marksová-Tominová**, social democratic politician, former director of Gender Studies Prague, former Minister of Labour, Czech Republic

**Sophia Shchur**, Women of Eurasia, Snezhinsk, Chelyabinsk Province, Russian Federation

**Fatma Kar**, Network polylux, Germany

**Marta Lempart**, co-founder women's strike movement, Poland moderated by Astrid Landero

**11:30 – 12:00**

Coffee break

**12:00 – 14:00**

**Visions and Objectives of Actors in 1989 and Today**

Continuation of parallel workshops

**14:00 – 15:00**

Lunch

**15:00 – 17:00**

Guided group tours

**Tour I**

**A Women's History of Berlin, Frauentouren (English)**

Gundula Schmidt-Graute

**Tour II**

**A Women's History of Berlin, Frauentouren (German/Russian)**

Iris Wachsmuth

**Tour III**

**1989 Memorial Sites in Pankow, >Revolution 1989 – Remembrance 2019< art project (German)**

Karla Sachse

**19:30 – 21:00**

Public panel debate

**The >Common House of Europe<? – Experiences and Positions on Peace and Common Security in Europe since 1989**

**Jana Chržová**, Chair of the Czech Women's Union, former dissident and co-founder Czech Helsinki Committee, Czech Republic

**Rev. Ruth Misselwitz (retired)**, Alt-Pankow Parish, co-founder Friedenskreis Pankow and OWEN e.V., Germany

**TBA**, Poland

**Olga Bessolova**, Vice President >Women with a University Education< Federation, Member of the International Women's Forum since 1992, Russian Federation moderated by Marie Anne Subklew-Jeutner

**SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION  
WHERE WERE WE HEADING TO?  
WHERE ARE WE HEADING TO?  
– LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE**

**10:00 – 12:00**

Roundtables on workshop themes

**Presentation of findings and discussion**

moderated by Marina Grasse, TBA

**12:00 – 12:30**

Coffee break

**12:30 – 14:30**

Round table

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**Closing panel discussion**

moderated by Marina Grasse, TBA

**From 14:30 Uhr**

Lunch and departure



**Conference Location**

**Gemeindehaus der Evangelischen Kirchengemeinde Alt-Pankow**

**Breite Str. 38  
13187 Berlin**

The event will be run in German, English and Russian, with interpreters. We are asking attendees to make a voluntary cash contribution towards catering expenses of EUR 30 to 50 at the conference. We are able to reimburse the travel costs of those travelling from outside Berlin (2nd class train).

**Getting there**

Pankow S- and U-Bahn station, lines U2 / S2, S8, S85 Stop >Pankow Kirche<, Tram M1, Tram 50

**Photography and film recordings**

Film and audio recordings will be made of the event. Please contact the event organisers if you do not wish to appear in the published recordings.

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