

**GENDER AND CONFLICTS  
IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Padua, 5-10 July 2026

**SUMMER SCHOOL**

*Organised by*

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**European Master in Women's and Gender History**

*in collaboration with*

Dipartimento di Scienze Storiche, Geografiche e dell'Antichità (DiSSGeA)  
Centro di Ateneo Elena Cornaro per i Saperi, le Culture e le Politiche di genere  
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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

<b>Sunday, 5 July</b>	Arrival in Padua
19:30	Optional get-together

<b>Monday, 6 July</b>	Dipartimento di Studi Storici, Geografici e dell'Antichità (DiSSGeA) Via del Vescovado, 30 Palazzo Jonoch Gulinelli - Aula Bortolami (first floor)
8:30 – 8:50	Registration
8:55 – 9:30	Welcome and Opening remarks

<b>Monday, 6 July</b>	<b>1. WORK</b>
	<b>Lectures</b>
9:30 – 11:00	Manuela MARTINI (Université Lumière Lyon 2) <i>Gendered Practices of Conflict Organisation. Weavers' Strikes and the Place of Women in the Lyons Silk Industry in the Nineteenth Century</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	(Eloisa BETTI (Università di Padova) <i>Women Workers' Activism, Industrial and Social Conflict in Italy (1945-1975): Forms, Symbols, and Solidarity Networks</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break

14:30 – 18:30	<b>MA and PhD student presentations</b>
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<b>Tuesday, 7 July</b>	<b>2. WOMEN ON INTERNATIONAL ARENA</b>
	<b>Lectures</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Claudia KRAFT (Universität Wien) <i>Conflicts and Misunderstandings About Gender Equality at the First UN Conference on Women in Mexico City, 1975</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Francisca DE HAAN (Central European University) <i>Advocating the Palestinian Cause in the International Domain: The Role of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF), 1960s-1990</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
	<b>3. PACIFISM</b>
	<b>Lectures</b>
14:00 – 15:30	Krassimira DASKALOVA (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski) <i>Gender, War, and Pacifism in the Interwar Eastern Europe</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	Valentina MITKOVA (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski) <i>Conflicts and Consents within the Women's Movement in the Interwar Balkans: Figures and Alliances</i>

<b>Wednesday, 8 July</b>	<b>4. COLONIALISM</b>
	<b>Lectures</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Katharina STORNIG (Universität Wien) <i>Gender and Conflicts in colonial Contexts: Christian Missions in the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Silvia BRUZZI (Università di Torino) <i>Conflicting Bodies: Reproductive Policies and Native Rights in Colonial Contexts</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	<b>MA and PhD student presentations</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break

	<b>THE PADUA CULTURAL HERITAGE: a gendered historical reading</b>
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Excursion:</b> <i>Fina Buzzacarini, the Baptistry and its frescoes: a female artistic patronage by the wife of the lord of Padua (2<sup>nd</sup> half 14<sup>th</sup> cent.)</i>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Excursion:</b> <i>Giotto and the Scrovegni Chapel</i>

<b>Thursday, 9 July</b>	<b>5. TRIALS</b>
	<b>Lectures</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Laura SCHETTINI (Università di Padova) <i>Legal Self-defence of Transvestites in Italy, in the 1960'</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Paola STELLIFERI (Università di Pisa) <i>Feminist Activism in Abortion and Rape trials (Italy, 1970s-1980s)</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 18:30	<b>MA and PhD student presentations</b>

<b>Friday, 10 July</b>	<b>6. INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP</b>
9:00 – 10 :30	<b>Feminisms for a new Age of Democracy: What Practices to Counter anti-gender Cultural Trends and Policies?</b>  <i>in partnership with the</i> Centro Elena Cornaro per i Saperi, le Culture e le Politiche di genere <i>Convenor:</i> Claudia PADOVANI (Università di Padova)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Workshop
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break and Departure