

**International Conference
June 21-23, 2023**



ANTI-FEMINISM AND ANTI-GENDER POLITICS IN AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES

The Role of the State, Religion, and Feminist Counter-Strategies in the Near and Middle East and Eastern Europe

This conference represents a cooperation between the Centre for Gender Studies and Feminist Futurology (ZGS) and the Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS) at Philipps-Universität Marburg with the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe.

Its purpose is to compare the anti-feminist politics of authoritarian regimes in the Near and Middle East and Eastern Europe. The conference organisers seek to bring together two strands of research - the study of anti-feminism and anti-gender politics and the study of authoritarian populism - and focus on two regions that have previously been under-researched from a comparative perspective. This conference builds on an interdisciplinary, comparative and historical approach. It gathers experienced researchers from both regions and aims to generate new knowledge about the mechanisms of authoritarianism and anti-feminism currently at work in both regional contexts. The participants of this conference place particular emphasis on the role of the state and organised religion within these processes. Another thematic priority addressed in this conference is the counter-hegemonic strategies of feminist women's rights movements.

KEYNOTES

June 21, 2023, 6 pm: Nadjé Al-Ali, "Beyond Exceptionalism and Area Studies: Transnational Feminist Perspectives on Anti-gender/feminist Discourses and Politics"

June 22, 2023, 4 pm: Dalia Leinartė, "Women's Rights in Eastern-Central Europe: from de jure to gender backlash"

Venue: Herder-Institut für historische Ostmitteleuropaforschung, Gisonenweg 5-7, Marburg

Registration: For conference attendance please forward your inquiries to forum@herder-institut.de