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2:00 – 4:00 pm **Zoom Seminar**

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CONTESTED PROGRESS: Women and Women's Studies at East and West German Universities – The Example of History



How to explain the causes of the persistent discrimination faced by women at universities in the two German states until 1989? Based on the example of the historical profession, a discipline of central importance in the humanities for the formulation of historical “master narratives” to interpret the past, the presentation explores both women’s changing position in the historical profession in East and West Germany and the degree of inclusion of women’s or gender history. It asks which factors promoted or hindered the inclusion of women and women’s or gender history, including the institutional structures of the higher education system more generally and the historical tradition and academic culture of the discipline, along with the underlying political and societal conditions.

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