



Online roundtable: Prostitution in twentieth century Europe

Online Roundtable on the recently published Special Issue in the European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire on "Prostitution in twentieth century Europe".

With

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Collegium Carolinum and the Collaborative Research Centre "Cultures of Vigilance" at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München kindly invite you to the presentation and discussion of the special issue "Prostitution in twentieth century Europe" edited by Sonja Dolinsek and Siobhán Hearne.

In the past decades, historical scholarship on prostitution has become a burgeoning field of research. Even though prostitution and those involved in this practice are often considered as marginal to broader and seemingly bigger historical developments, the historical study of prostitution offers many insights into past societies. The aim of the special issue is to critically discuss the state of research on commercial sex and to giving new impetus. The broad geographical focus encourages comparative perspectives between "East" and "West", including the international dimension of the politics of prostitution. The authors of the articles approach "prostitution" from a variety of perspectives and focus both on state actors and policies as well as those involved in commercial sex. During the roundtable we will address the current state of the historiography of prostitution as it begins to analyze histories of the second half of the twentieth century. The case studies we will discuss include the international dimension of the United Nations, prostitution in the Soviet Union, the politics of morality in the urban setting of Cologne in the 1960s and, finally, the history of transgender Greek migrant sex workers who worked in West Berlin in the 1970s and 1980s.

The event takes place on May 23, 16:00-17:30 (CET), and will be recorded.

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More information on the Special Issue:

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