Gender Studies Research Group
„Literature and Gender”
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The Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences
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The Group was established in 2011.

It consists of 7 permanent employees of the Institute of Literary Research and a large number of collaborators on specific projects.

The Group initiates and coordinates projects relating to the issue of gender.

Gender is treated as a fundamental category of human identity in cultural, social and political dimensions, and due to the nature of research on Polish culture considered in the context of such concepts as nation, race, class, religion.
Gender Studies Research Group „Literature and Gender” carries out research projects:

- „Gender in Culture: Encyclopedia” (2009-2011),
- „Gender in Culture: Figures and Symbols” (2011-2013),
- „Women’s Archives – Storerooms of Memory: Creating a Database and Initiating a Digital Archive of the Unpublished Memoirs of Polish-Speaking Women Since 17th Century” (since 2013).
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Gender Studies Research Group „Literature and Gender” initiates actions to promote science:

- a publishing series „Lupa Obscura” (since 2012)
conferences:

- „Women and Holocaust" (2011)
- „1863 – Birth of a New Poland” (2013)
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1863. NARODZINY NOWEJ POLSKI

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social and cultural debates and film screenings:

- „Feminaria” (since 2009)
- „Cinema around Gender” (since 2010)
Gender Studies Research Group „Literature and Gender” conducts teaching:

- Postgraduate Gender Studies (since 2008)
- Competition for the master's theses on gender issues (since 2008)
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Women’s Archives – Storerooms of Memory: Creating a Database and Initiating a Digital Archive of the Unpublished Memoirs of Polish-Speaking Women Since 17th Century
Aim:

- Creating a database and initiating a digital archive of the unpublished memoirs of Polish-speaking women since 17th century
Outcome:

- The database will include manuscripts traced in the course of queries in various archives in Poland and European countries, with particular emphasis on areas associated with Polish culture through the fact of an earlier connection with its territories (Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus).

- Manuscripts stored in database will be indexed according to the criteria essential for the future scientific description of their contents, such as authorship, place and time of origin, genre, keywords matched in terms of gender issues (e.g., family, intimacy, motherhood, violence).

- Some of the most interesting findings will be placed in database in the form of scans, which will start a digital archive of women.
Opis projektu
Zespół
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Anmerkung: Die Übersetzung ist etwaig.
Significance:

- Women's diaries, memoirs, letters and unpublished manuscripts of literary works, especially those written before the second half of the 19th century, reveal secrets of women's identity and its genealogies, as well as secrets of women’s relationships and activities different from those considered to be the only significant for biographies of women, such as marriage, motherhood and approved public roles (patriot), namely social, friendly, love and professional relationships, which often cross boundaries set by ethnicity, religious affiliation, social status, moral standards and values.
Women personal writings break a taboo strongly rooted in the patriarchal culture: the focus on relationships of women authors with official culture devalues their relationships treated as less significant, informal, marginal in their biographies, namely those tied not in the circle of men, but women – in the family (with mother, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, female cousins) and around (relationships with female teachers that may become role models in life, or female friends, the relationships with whom may be crucial for shaping women’s own identities and survive longer than the period of adolescence, sometimes becoming close relationships for life).
Diaries, letters and other personal writings are not only testimonies of intellectual life and customs of past eras, but also the specific, very important and popular genre, yet often ignored, especially if cultivated by women. Thanks to reformulation of the category of literary text and dedication of contemporary research to the analysis of writing practices, such records can be seen as informal, private literary work, not intended for publication, but functioning in some reading circles (of family, friends, neighbours). From this perspective, women writings – letters and journals circulating among them – turn out to be the second circuit of intellectual culture, which cannot be underestimated when it comes to knowledge of mental life of women of past eras, as well as their (undisclosed) ideas, discoveries and achievements.
Usfulness:

- examination of life and work of individual authors,
- study of such literary genres as diaries, letters, memoirs, journals, family chronicles,
- study of customs, social structures, dynamics and psychology of the communities, relations of (gender) power, (gender) resistance strategies,
- editing the printed versions of the manuscripts.
Funds:

- The project is financed by the National Programme for the Development of Humanities – 1 200 000 PLN.

- It will be carried out in the Institute of Literary Research until 2017.
Thank you for your attention!

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