

MATILDA is the first joint European Master Degree programme in Women's and Gender History. It is being set up by a consortium of five European universities and links these institutions in an exciting, innovative and unique venture. The partner universities are the University of Vienna (coordinating institution), the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, the Université Lumière Lyon 2, the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest and the University of Nottingham.

The programme supports integrative perspectives which go beyond local, regional and national histories. It intends to situate these histories, as well as European history as a whole, in broader contexts. With its focus on comparative, entangled and transnational history, it aims at exploring the history of gender differences and similarities in European cultures and societies, and the role of gender in shaping European history.

The MATILDA curriculum includes modules in core subjects in Women's and Gender History (theory, methodology, and practice) and specialist options covering medieval to contemporary themes, such as:

- History of Nationalism and Post-/Colonialism
- History of Post-/Socialism
- History of Masculinities
- History of Gender in the Sciences
- History of Gender and Work
- History of Gender and Education
- Comparative History of Women's Movements
- Women's Oral History
- Gendered History of Religion
- Gendered History of War
- History of Women and Gender in the Balkans

The programme of study comprises 120 ECTS spread over two years of study. Students can expect to study in at least two different countries over the course of four semesters, typically moving to a second institution for one or two semesters after one year in their start university. The master thesis will be completed in semester four (year two) of the programme. There will also be a summer Intensive Programme, during which all the students on the course will come together with staff from all partner institutions in order to learn and to strengthen cooperation.

Transparency and comparability will be assured through the European Credit Transfer System and Diploma Supplement.

The programme will start in autumn 2008. Applications are welcome to the consortium university of the prospective student's choice.

For further information please consult the website run by the University of Vienna:

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