

Conference Programme

Supportive Practices? Letters to Social Movement Activists

November, 27th 2023, University of Vienna,

Campus of the University, Spitalgasse 2-4, Old Chapel, 2.8 (Passage from courtyard 1 to courtyard 2)

08:45 **Welcoming Remarks:** Birgitta Bader-Zaar

08:55 **Opening Presentation:** *Letters to Prominent Activists – A Comparative Perspective on Social Movements* (Corinna Oesch)

09:20 – 11:00 Panel 1: **Letters to Women’s Movements’ Activists**

‘Do not think my dear Madame, that I do not know you’: Letters to Rosika Schwimmer, 1896 – 1948
(Dóra Fedeles-Czeferner)

Exploring Epistolary Relationships: Black Women’s Letters to Mary Church Terrell, 1880 – 1920 (Alison M. Parker)

Asking for Support: Letters to Women Pacifists, 1919 – 1939 (Clara-Anna Egger)

Discussion (Chair: Amelie Herzog)

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee Break**

11:20 – 13:00 Panel 2: **Letters to Labour and Socialist Activists**

Of Comrades and Contraception. Letters to Socialist and Doctor Fritz Brupbacher in the Swiss Labour Movement around 1900 (Tabea Herzog)

Weaving the Network: The Role of Correspondence in the Development and Spread of the Socialist Women’s Movement, 1907 – 1917 (Minja Bujakovic)

‘That I got up the courage and turn to you in my great despair.’ Letters to Comrade Käthe Kern of the Women’s Secretariat, 1946 – 1949 (Anna Leyrer)

Discussion (Chair: Zsófia Lóránd)

13:00 – 14:20 **Lunch Break**

14:20 – 16:00 Panel 3: **Letters to Prominent Activists in More Recent and Contemporary History**

Encouragement and Accusations of Fascism: Günther Schwab and the Rise of a Far-Right Ecology Movement, 1960 – 1990 (Stefan Rindlisbacher)

A Tale of Correspondence between Women Workers and Women Unionists, 1980 – 2000
(Mamatha Gandham)

Letters from Lockdown (Fabio Vighi)

Discussion (Chair: Judith Leitner)

16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee Break**

16:20 **Concluding Remarks and Reflection**