Gender Relationships between Occupiers and Occupied during the Allied Occupation of Germany after 1945

6-7 June 2019

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Thursday, June 6, 2019

09:00 | Arrival of the participants at FRIAS (seminar room)
09:15 | Opening of the workshop

Panel 1: Strategic, National, and Societal Dimensions of Sexual Violence in War Times
Chair: Sylvia Paletschek (Freiburg)

09:30 | Claire Miot (Paris): Before the Occupation. Gender Relationships between Soldiers and Women during the Invasion of Southern Germany by the French Army (April/July 1945)
10:10 | Anne-Laure Briatte (Freiburg/Paris): Reasserting Gender Roles. The Reports of the Catholic Priests on Sexual Violence and Intimate Encounters in the French Zone of Occupation

Discussion of the panel
11:00 | Coffee break in the lounge

Panel 2: Responses to Fraternizations between Allied Occupiers and German Women
Chair: Anne-Laure Briatte (Freiburg/Paris)

12:10 | Camilo Erlichman (Maastricht): A Question of Honour? Violence against Women in the British Zone of Germany
13:00 | Lunch in the lounge

Chair: Fabrice Virgili (Paris)
14:00 | Nadja Klopprogge (Berlin/Basel): Race, Sex and the Liminality of the Aftermath: African American Occupation Troops in Postwar Germany

Discussion of the panel
15:30 | Tea time

Panel 3: Shifting Gender Roles in New Power Relationships
Chair: Valérie Dubslaff (Rennes)

16:00 | Stefanie Siess (Heidelberg/Paris): Social Representations in Ego-Documents from the French Zone of Occupation (1945-1955)
16:40 | Arvid Schors (Freiburg): Young Men Returning Home to an Alien Country. German-Speaking Emigrants as American and British Soldiers of Occupation in Germany and Austria
17:20 | Bettina Blum (Paderborn): „Mothers fight for their home“. Gendered Approaches to the Requisitioning of Houses in Westphalia

Discussion of the panel
19:30 | Conference dinner

Friday, June 7, 2019

Panel 4: Cross-Border Family Constellations and National Issues around the ‘Children of the Occupation’
Chair: Nadja Klopprogge (Berlin/Basel)

09:00 | Christopher Knowles (London): Marriage with ‘enemy Aliens’: Why did British Servicemen marry German women after the End of the Second World War?
09:40 | Lukas Schretter (Graz): From Taboo to Recognition. Children Fathered by British Soldiers in Austria after World War II
10:30 | Coffee break in the lounge

Chair: Camilo Erlichman (Maastricht)
11:40 | Fabrice Virgili (Paris): Recover Allied Children in Germany (1945-1949)

Discussion of the panel
Final discussion of the workshop