

Monday, 18 March, 2024

4.45-6.15 pm

MONTHLY MEETING: „WHERE IS THE GLOBAL?“

Putting Action to Words: The Untold Stories in Brazil’s “Feminine Moment”

Speaker: Ana Ribeiro

Venue: Seminarraum 10, Kolingasse 14-16, 0G01

Ana Ribeiro's research proposal focuses on uncovering the lesser-known stories of women involved in the fight against oppression in Brazil, particularly immigrant and minority women mentioned in the left-wing, women-run newspaper “Momento Feminino” from 1947-1956. Ribeiro seeks to explore their roles, representations, and influences in their communities and families (and vice-versa), aiming to provide a richer understanding of these women’s historical impact.

Ribeiro’s proposed methodology includes Qualitative Content Analysis (QCA) of the newspaper's issues, most of which are digitalized; fieldwork in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo to locate missing issues and additional records; and interviews with potential family members and community institutions for deeper insights. This research aims to offer a nuanced perspective, bridging gaps in the literature by focusing on women who were not prominent leaders but significantly contributed to feminist and anti-fascist movements with their activities on the ground.

Another crucial aspect of Ribeiro’s project is the exploration of the transnational connections of these women, especially their links to anti-fascist federations and communist parties. This aspect aims to reveal how their engagements transcended national boundaries as part of global movements.

The research is set against the backdrop of Brazil’s diverse press landscape in the early 20th century, characterized by publications in multiple languages reflecting the country’s evolving society. The presentation demonstrates a commitment to enriching our understanding of Brazilian and global anti-fascist history through the stories of women who played underrecognized roles in shaping it.

MONTHLY MEETING: „WHERE IS THE GLOBAL?“

Held every third **Monday** from **4.45 pm** to **6.15 pm**, the FSP Global History convenes a monthly meeting where we invite Vienna-based global historians to discuss their ongoing research projects. Besides addressing the annual theme – “Intersecting Inequalities” – the presentations and discussions will help to address the following key questions:

- What is our own take on „the global“ and what part does the global perspective play in our research?
- What are the archives of global history?
- How do we teach global history?
- How can a global historical perspective make an impact in present-day social and political debates?