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Call for Papers: Women and Violence



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Violence has shaped the lives of women in Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe in fundamental ways. In addition to wartime experiences, violence has penetrated the societies of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe from the personal to the state level. Historically, the widespread acceptance of domestic beatings, sexual assault, and the liberal application of corporal punishment have served to normalize violence in personal relationships. The experiences of war and state terror add another dimension to the scope of violence in the region. At the same time, gender has played a role in determining the nature, extent, application, and limits to violence. Women as well as men have acted as both victims and perpetrators of violent acts.

In this issue, *Aspasia* seeks to explore the ways violence has framed and affected the historical experiences of women in Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe. We welcome historians of women and gender in the region to reflect on the theme of women and violence. How has violence—in all forms and at any level—affected women's experiences? How has gender shaped state and/or personal responses to violence? What were the limits of women's victimization? How did the law address abuse against women, and how did it interpret crime committed by women? What motivated women to participate in or contribute to violent acts?

In addition to the specific theme of **Women and Violence**, we welcome submissions on all topics related to women's and gender history in CESEE on an ongoing basis.

Article Submissions

The deadline for submissions is **31 December 2016**.
Submissions of up to 8,000 words (including notes) can be sent to Aspasia.Yearbook@gmail.com
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