

Monday, May 11

- 14:00-14:30 **Renata Jambrešić Kirin** (IEF, Zagreb) and **Biljana Kašić** (CWS, Zagreb): Why not Witches? Feminist Knowledge in Dark Times (Introduction)
- 14:30-14:45 Introduction of all participants
-Chair: **Tyanif Rico Rodriguez** (CEU, Vienna)
- 14:45-15:25 **Nadia Jones-Gailani** (CEU, Vienna): The Feminist Icon of the Witch – Keynote lecture
- 15:25-15:45 Discussion
- 15:45-16:05 **Beatriz Brkić** (FFOS, Uni Osijek): Modern Witches: The Gendered Position of Women Authors and Literary Characters
- 16:05-16:15 Discussion
- 16:15-16:45 *Coffee Break*
- 16:45-17:05 **Merima Omeragić** (CIS “prof Zdravko Grebo”, Uni Sarajevo): The Witches from Rio and Other Witches: Moving from Engagement to Ostracism
- 17:05-17:15 Discussion
- 17:15-18:45 **Book Club: Baba Yaga Laidan Egg**, Dubravka Ugrešić – moderated by **Mirela Dakić Kučeković** (FFZG, Uni Zagreb)

Tuesday, May 12

-Chair: **Nadia Jones-Gailani** (CEU, Vienna)
- 10:00-10:20 **Francesca Maria Gabrielli** (FFZG, Uni Zagreb): From Circetta to Corinna: Feminism and Magic in the Works of Moderata Fonte (1555-1592)
- 10:20-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30-12:00 **Merima Omeragić** (CIS “prof Zdravko Grebo”, Uni Sarajevo): Word and Images: The Power of the Artistic Representation of Social Practices – Workshop
- 12:00-16:00 *Lunch Break*
-Chair: **Elissa Helms** (CEU, Vienna)
- 16:00-16:20 **Ana Rajković Pejić** (CWS, Zagreb & HIPSB, Slavonski Brod): Feminists, Witches, and Cats: The Resilience of Anti-Feminist Discourse from the Mid-19th Century to Present Day
- 16:20-16:40 **Dunja Matić Benčić & Kristina Stojanović Čehajić** (FFRI & CWS, Uni Rijeka): Feminist Research in the Dark Times: Challenging Encounters Between the Political Others
- 16:40-17:00 **Hana Ćurak** (Uni Humboldt, Berlin): Curating Collectivity towards Repair Experimental platform “Sve su to vještice” (“It’s all Witches”) [Online presentation]
- 17:00-17:30 Joint Discussion

Wednesday, May 13

-Chair: **Biljana Kašić** (CWS, Zagreb)
- 10:00-10:40 **Nikita Dhawan** (TUD, Dresden) & **María do Mar Castro Varela** (Alice Salomon, UniBerlin): “What Difference does Difference Make?” Transnational Feminism and (Im)possible Solidarities – Keynote lecture
- 10:40-11:00 Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*
-Chair: **Francesca Maria Gabrielli** (FFZG, Uni Zagreb)
- 11:30-11:50 **Jessica Nogueira Varela** (CEU, Vienna): “my sisters/witches in Dahomey”: Black Feminist Cosmologies Within and Without Audre Lorde’s *A Woman Speaks* (1984)
- 11:50-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-12:20 **Nicola di Biase** (Uni L’Orientale, Naples): Ritual Technologies: Black Feminist Artivism Through the Lens of Witchcraft Subversiveness [online presentation]
- 12:20-12:30 Discussion
- *Free afternoon***

Thursday, May 14

.....Chair: **Mirela Dakić Kučeković** (FFZG, Uni Zagreb)

10:00-10:20 **Silvana Carotenuto** (Uni L'Orientale, Naples):
The 'Otherwise' of Witchcraft: *Let us Descend*
by Jesmyn Ward

10:20-10:30 Discussion

10:30-10:50 **Maša Huzjak** (FFZG, Uni Zagreb): Wow, I Like
Powerful and Alluring: Teen Witches in *Rookie*
and Beyond

10:50-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-11:50 **Emanuela Maltese** (Uni L'Orientale, Naples
& Charles University, Prague) Witches Flying
over the Sea, Whispering to the Wind, and
Drawing Down the Moon. Spiritual Fabulations
Across the Mediterranean [online presentation]

11:50-12:00 Discussion

12:00-16:00 *Lunch Break*

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16:00-16:20 **Serena Di Donna** (Uni L'Orientale, Naples):
Witches of the Anthropocene: Hyperempathy,
Monstrosity, and Post-Human Alliances in
Octavia E. Butler [online presentation]

16:20-16:40 **Tihana Anić** (FFOS, Uni Osijek): Reclaiming the
Witch: Feminist Subversion in Margery Bayne's
"A Witch By Any Other Name" [online
presentation]

16:40-17:00 **Alice Pinotti** (CEU, Vienna): "You Didn't Burn
Us All": Witches and their Subversive Legacy
in Italian Feminism

17:00-17:30 Joint Discussion

19:00 – 19:40 **Martina Findrik** (CWS, Zagreb): Narratio
Incantatrix (performance lecture) – in
cooperation with DEŠA NGO (Lazareti, Frana
Supila 18)

20:00 After-party

Friday, May 15

Chair: **Ana Rajković Pejić** (CWS, Zagreb & HIPSB, Slavonski Brod)

10:00-10:40 **Nataša Polgar** (IEF Zagreb): The Witch as
Symptom: Between Contemporary
Appropriations and the Historical Production
of the Other – Keynote Lecture [Online
presentation]

10:40-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:10 *Break*

11:10-11:30 **Tjaša Cankar** (SAZU, Ljubljana): Academic
Knowledge Production on Gender Equality in
(ex)Yugoslav States

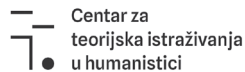
11:30-11:40 Discussion

Chairs: **Biljana Kašić** (CWS, Zagreb) & **Renata J. Kirin** (IEF, Zagreb)

11:40-12:30 **Evaluation and concluding session**

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