

Revisiting the Nation. Gender and Nationality in Europe in the 19th Century

Seminar
Summer Term 2021
Friday, 10-12 a.m.



Course description:

This course aims to challenge the meta-narratives of nation-state building as the work of only illustrious men and to deconstruct what has been called the essentialism of national histories at the same time. It does so by revisiting the construction of the nation through a gender approach, focusing on the marginal (often ambiguous) status of women in legal, educational, labor, religious and political frameworks in nineteenth-century Europe. By doing so, the seminar not only aims at revealing the pattern of methodological nationalism inherent in historiographical works on the history of the nation, but also at shedding light on the fact that different identities existed in nineteenth-century Europe.

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