

# Gender in War Captivity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

A one-day symposium

organised by the Prisoner of War Network

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Randolph Schwabe, *The Women's Land Army and German Prisoners, 1918*  
(Imperial War Museum)

The **Prisoner of War Network** invites abstracts for its 2015 symposium on gender in war captivity. Following the lead of scholars including Iris Rachamimov and Bernice Archer, this symposium seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue about the construction, practice and meaning of gender in war detention and its aftermath. For this purpose, both gender and war captivity are broadly defined and we encourage applications investigating *any* conflict and from *any* discipline.

Topics of discussion can include (but are not limited to):

- **Gender theories** and captivity: defining gender, masculinity and femininity in war captivity; exploring seclusion through a feminist or queer theory lens.
- Daily **performance** of gender and the role of impersonation and fantasy.
- Gendered **visual and material cultures**: creative responses to gender in war captivity.
- Importance of gender to **prisoner of war status**: gendered definitions of the rights and duties of captives.
- Gender identities as **subversion and resistance** in captive situations.

Papers can also address any other aspect relevant to gender and prisoner of war experience. Please submit all proposals (max. 300 words) to [powstudiesnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:powstudiesnetwork@gmail.com) by **Friday 13 March 2015**. Accepted speakers and delegates will be charged a small conference fee and must arrange their own travel to and from the conference. We encourage applications from academic researchers, postgraduate students, institutions and independent researchers. Proposals and papers should be in English.

Symposium organised by **Elodie Duché (IHR)** and **Grace Huxford (Warwick)** of the Prisoner of War Network.

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