

Call for Applications:

Two Postdoctoral positions and one Doctoral position (duration 3 years each)

**Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally,
from the age of empires to the late 20th century**

(Acronym: ZARAH, ERC Advanced Grant)

Project Description

ZARAH explores the history of women's labour activism and organizing to improve labour conditions and life circumstances of lower and working class women and their communities—moving these women from the margins of labour, gender, and European history to the centre of historical study.

ZARAH's research rationale is rooted in the interest in the interaction of gender, class, and other dimensions of difference (e.g. ethnicity and religion) as forces that shaped women's activism. It addresses the gender bias in labour history, the class bias in gender history, and the regional bias in European history. ZARAH conceives of women's labour activism as emerging from the confluence of local, nation-wide, border-crossing and international initiatives, interactions and networking. It studies this activism in the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires, the post-imperial nation states, and during the Cold War and the years thereafter. Employing a long-term and trans-regional perspective, ZARAH highlights how a history of numerous social upheavals, and changing borders and political systems shaped the agency of the women studied, and examines their contribution to the struggle for socio-economic inclusion and the making of gender-, labour-, and social policies.

ZARAH comprises, in addition to the PI, an international group of post-doctoral and doctoral researchers at CEU, distinguished by their excellent command of the history and languages of the region. ZARAH consists of a web of component and collaborative studies, which include all relevant groups of activists and activisms, span the whole region, and cover the period between the 1880s and the 1990s. It will generate key research resources that are available to all students and scholars.

The positions advertised now each include, in addition to the collaborative work, a focus on one component study. The component studies involve a focus on both a specific region and related trans- and international connections and organizing.

Applications are invited for three positions that involve one of the following component studies:

Women's labor activism in the Galician and Polish lands and internationally, 1880s to 1920s (general thematic area)

Women's labor activism in the (former) Hungarian lands and internationally, 1890s to 1930s (general thematic area)

Women's labor activism in the (post-)Yugoslav lands and internationally, 1900s to 1940s (general thematic area)

Each position may be filled variably with a Doctoral Researcher or a Postdoctoral Researcher.

Applicants are invited, in conversation with the Principal Investigator, to develop their own project within one of the general thematic areas indicated above.

As a first step, prospective applicants are invited to contact the Principal Investigator, Susan Zimmermann, zimmerma@ceu.edu, with an informal email in which they briefly describe their interest in one of the positions, and attach their CV. Each prospective applicant will be contacted in due course.

Conditions:

Employment is with Közép-európai Egyetem (KEE), the sister entity of Central European University (CEU) in Hungary (see also: <https://www.ceu.edu/administration/accreditation>). As the accreditation procedure of CEU Private University (Vienna, Austria) proceeds, ZARAH *may* be transferred to this new entity.

Inquiries (s. above) and applications are invited for the following three positions:

1 Doctoral Researcher:

Entry date 1 August, 2020

Duration is 3 years

Type of engagement: employment contract

Gross annual salary: Budapest, approximately 14,400 EUR; Vienna, approximately 23,000 EUR

2 Postdoctoral Researchers

Entry date is variable and includes the following options: 1 February 2020; 1 August 2020; 1 February 2021

Duration is 3 years

Type of engagement: employment contract

Gross annual salary: Budapest, approximately 41,000 EUR; Vienna, approximately 49,000 EUR

Application deadline: 15 September 2019