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Seminar on Experience and its interconnections with transformation, gender and generation **in Polish and Russian Women's Writing**

We welcome scholars interested in Eastern European literature and gender studies to a two-day seminar on women's experience and literature. The seminar will discuss representations of collective and individual experience, their connections to transformation, generational change, and gender. The focus is on Polish and Russian women's writing, but researches of other Eastern European literatures are welcome as well.

The seminar is keen to discover whether East European women's writing and its representations of experience are essentially different from the women's writing in Western Europe. What kind of theoretical approaches the phenomenon of Eastern women's writing proposes? How have gender issues influenced the discourse on human experience and how they are reflected in post-socialist literature? Cultural breaking points, moments of social, political and economic transformations and war are the focus of the seminar.

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