

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Following the international seminar *Mapping Experience: Transformation, Gender and Generation in Polish and Russian Women's Writing* held at the University of Tampere, March 14-15, 2008, we are planning to publish a volume which would focus on some of the specific issues discussed in the seminar. The publication shall scrutinize East European women's writing within the field of literary representations of female embodied experiences, lived experience, and female agency in the production of knowledge. 'Experience' or 'female experience' is often a rather implicit underlying concept in the research of women's writing and literature. We encourage contributors to problematize the notion of experience. Is it a relevant notion for/in women's writing? If so, how can it be conceptualized? How the study of women's writing has scrutinized experience? In what ways is the notion of 'female experience' in literature interconnected with genre, generation, social and cultural transformation or nationalistic discourses in Russian, Polish and other East European cultures?

The articles shall focus on the following and related themes:

- **writing transformation** (e.g. representations of social and cultural shifts through family/national/cultural/literary history; representation of different generations)
- **writing difference** (e.g. where and how difference of women's writing comes about; limits/possibilities of representations of difference; notions of class, religion, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, nationality)
- **writing the body and/or sexuality** (e.g. analysing the poetics of body; representation of fe/male sexuality)
- **writing memory and/ or trauma** (e.g. analysing the aesthetics of trauma; narratives of memory)
- **writing fictionalized (utopian) female selves and lives**

We invite you to send a short abstract of 300-400 words including the final, exact title of your article, presenting shortly the main thesis of the article, the material and methods you are using and justifying how your article and topic are related to the themes relevant for the publication. The language of the abstract should preferably be English, but we will accept abstracts in Polish and in Russian. Within the limited confines of our project we will try to find resources for the English language editing of the articles.

Send the abstract as an attached file (word-document) via e-mail to Marja Rytönen (marja.rytkonen@uta.fi) **by the end of June 2008**. On the basis of the abstracts we will select about 10-15 articles for the publication. We will announce the final decision no later than by the mid August.

Sincerely,
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