

## Call for Papers

### “Gender Orders in Transition”

#### Third Forum on Gender History for PhD students and researchers in Austria and neighbouring regions

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Centre for Regional History, Bressanone-Brixen

Deadline: 15 May 2026

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As in Innsbruck (2024) and Graz (2025), the workshop will once again focus on constructive and supportive discussion of doctoral projects in the fields of gender history, queer history and intersectional history, as well as structured exchange among gender and queer historians. The workshop is aimed at gender-history-oriented doctoral projects from all periods and historical sub-disciplines. The aim of the forum is to create a space for collegial discussion and networking.

This year’s main theme is ‘Gender Orders in Flux’ and is designed to accommodate a wide range of projects that explore the (dis)order of gender models, their historical context and cultural specificity. We invite applications from all projects addressing one or more of the following or similar questions. The theme has been deliberately kept open to provide scope for a variety of projects – regardless of historical period, region, methodological approach or stage of development:

- Gender orders as historically malleable concepts and interpretations
- Negotiation, stabilisation and transformation of gender relations
- Gender as a category between norm, practice and experience
- The emergence, transmission and questioning of knowledge about gender
- Normation and deviance: regulation, deviation and resistance
- Gender in the context of crises, upheavals and processes of transformation
- Emotions, bodies and subjectivities within gender orders
- Gender and the economy: labour, production, reproduction
- Law, the state and gender: regulation and political negotiation
- Gender in transnational and postcolonial perspectives

PhD students at all stages of their research have the opportunity to present and discuss their work. Contributions from the early stages of projects, which aim to raise questions, address uncertainties or present methodological considerations for discussion, are particularly welcome. Various formats are available for this purpose:

- (1) A 10-minute short presentation (e.g. to introduce a project idea or a dissertation/project at an early stage)

- (2) A 20-minute presentation in which the dissertation or research project can be presented and discussed in detail; presentations on source interpretations or methodological questions are also possible
- (3) Discussion of a text from your own work (e.g. a chapter or sub-chapter from your dissertation, an academic paper, a draft proposal, etc.)
- (4) New this year: workshops on selected theoretical or methodological issues, which could take the form of a roundtable, a text discussion or similar formats.

Papers and presentations may be submitted or delivered in German, Italian or English. The conference languages are German, Italian and English, with simultaneous translation German-Italian-German. Participation is also possible without presenting your own project. We particularly welcome volunteers to provide a short peer commentary (all presented papers will be accompanied by peer commentaries), which offers a valuable opportunity to actively contribute to the discussion.

Applications in German, Italian or English (max. 2000 characters plus a maximum of 1 page CV in a single file) may be submitted to Siglinde Clementi ([siglinde.clementi@regionalgeschichte.it](mailto:siglinde.clementi@regionalgeschichte.it)) by 19 June 2026. Feedback will be provided by 18 July 2026. Travel, accommodation and meal expenses will be covered or reimbursed for PhD students presenting papers and providing commentary. If you have any questions, please contact [siglinde.clementi@regionalgeschichte.it](mailto:siglinde.clementi@regionalgeschichte.it)