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Provisional Programme

9.15-9.30 | Welcome

9.30-11.30 | Multiple Readings of Dora Rosetti

Moderator: Katerina Sergidou

Athena Zotou-Varouta, *Dora Rosetti. Between Pseudonyms and Real Persons*

Panagiota Vogiatzi, *Dangerous, Anti-patriarchal, Lesbian Narratives: A Comparative Reading of the Autobiographical Novels of Dora Rosetti, Renée Vivien and Liane de Pougy*

Elisavet Pakis, *A Lesbian Archive of Feelings and Subjectivity: Eleni Bakopoulou Meets Dora Rosetti on the Borders of Belonging*

Giota Tempridou, *"Enrichment" or Regression? Why the Party for the Ninety-fifth Anniversary of Dora Rosetti's 'Her Lover' was not a Success*

11.30-13.00 | Representations of Lesbian Desire in the First Decades of the 20th century.

Moderator: Dimitra Vassiliadou

Athena Markopoulou, *Oblique Looks and Subversive Objects. Lesbian Sex in Early Greek Pornographic Magazines*

Nadia Kariophilli, *Exploring the First Lesbian Depictions in Modern Greek Novels*

Eva Ganidou & Tasos Theofilou, *Beyond and Before 'Her Lover': "The Eros That Dare not Speak its Name" and Unrecorded Lesbian Desires in the Interwar Daily Press*

13.00-13.30 | Break

13.30-15.00 | Sappho, Lesbian Desire and Queer Women Artists in 19th-20th c. Greece

Moderator: Selby Wynn Schwartz

April Householder, *A Life Non-finito: A Queer Biography of Artist Eleni Altamoura Boukoura Chrysinis*

Louis Ruprecht Jr, *Sappho and Lesbian Desire*

Marguerite Johnson, *μνάσεσθαί τινά φαῖμι καὶ ἕτερον ἀμμέων (Sappho, fragment 147). Lesbian Erotics in the Poetry of Myrtilotissa*

15.00-17.00 | Lesbians as Objects and Subjects of the Gaze

Moderator: Myrto Tsilibounidi

Stavroula Kostaki, *The Biomedical Invisibilisation of Lesbianism*

Dimitra Kyrillou, *Representations of Lesbian Relations in Greek Cinema*

Tzeli Hadjidimitriou, *Filming the Lesbian History of Eressos*

Olvia Papailiou, *Visual Interventions, Events and Rituals - Stages of Visibility and Healing in Eressos Lesbos*

17.00-17.30 | Break

17.30-19.00 | Retrieving Lesbian Stories from the Past

Moderator: Venetia Kantsa

Niki Stavridi & Anna Apostolelli, *The Well of Loneliness and the Lesbianization of History*

Kathleen Dixon, *Is She or Isn't She? The Hole in the Biography of Sotiria Bellou*

Diana Manesi, *"When I Hear you Something Happens Inside Me!" A Lesbian's Multiple Connections to Bellou's Voice*

19.00-20.30 | Narratives, Stories and the Creation of Lesbian Archives

Moderator: Athena Athanasiou

Venetia Kantsa, *Narratives of Desire*

Paco Chalkidis & Ana Cristina Santos, *Queer Living Archives: Why Biographic Accounts Matter*

Feminist Autonomous Center (FAC), *Don't Falsify History, Alexander the Great Was a Lesbian*

Organizing Committee: Dimitra Vassiliadou, Venetia Kantsa, Elisavet Pakis.

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