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Curriculum vitae

History of Science
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CURRENT POSITION

Associate professor, Department of the History of Science, University of Granada, Spain

Local coordinator of Gemma: Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project title: *Abortion trials in democratic Spain: reproductive rights, material and legal cultures of pregnancy termination (1970s-2000s)* (co-PI with Lidia Bocanegra) (Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation and Feder, EU research grant PID2023-147989NB-I00) (University of Granada, Spain, 2025-2028)

Project title: *Legal abortion in Spain: Science, health services and social movements (1980s-1990s)* (PI) (Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation research grant PID2020-113312GA-I00, University of Granada, Spain 2021-2025).

Project title: *Birth control cultures in Poland (1945-1989)* (PI) (POLONEZ 2-Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND grant, University of Warsaw, Poland, 2017-2019).

EDUCATION

PhD, Department of the History of Science, University of Granada, Spain (2015)

European Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies (GEMMA), University of Granada, Spain (2010)

MA in Modern European Literature, University of Bologna, Italy (2010)

MA in International Relations, University of Łódź, Poland (2007)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Team member, research project *"Pro-life" activism in Spain, Ireland and Poland (1970s-1990s): a comparative history from the margins of Europe*, University of Warsaw, Poland (October 2025 – September 2029)

Team member, research project *Catholicising reproduction, reproducing Catholicism. Activist practices and intimate negotiations in Poland, 1930-present* (<https://etnologia.uw.edu.pl/en/cathorep>), University of Warsaw, Poland (April 2020 – January 2023)

Fellow, Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany (July 2021 - December 2021)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND research fellow, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw, Poland (October 2017 - September 2019)

External consultant, Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, University of Ottawa, Canada (April 2017 - September 2017)

Max Weber fellowship, Department of History and Civilisation, European University Institute, Italy (awarded January 2017, declined)

Postdoctoral fellow, Department of the History of Science, University of Granada, Spain (June 2015 - July 2016)

Predocctoral fellow, Department of the History of Science, University of Granada, Spain (October 2010 - January 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ignaciuk, Agata and Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa (2016) *Anticoncepción, mujeres y género. La “píldora” en España y Polonia* (Madrid: Catarata).

Special issues co-edited

Bull, Sarah, and Ignaciuk, Agata (2024) “Sex, science and censorship,” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 33 (1).

Ignaciuk, Agata and Kelly, Laura (2020) “Contraception and Catholicism in the twentieth century,” *Medical History* 64 (2).

Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Ignaciuk, Agata (2018) “Anticoncepción, sexualidad y salud,” *Dynamis* 38 (2).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Mundi-López, María, and Agata Ignaciuk. “Different aspirations: Medicine, activism and uterine vacuum aspiration technology in Spain (1960s–1980s).” *Medical History* (2025): 1–21.

Sethna, Christabelle, Gayle Davis, and Agata Ignaciuk. “Conflict and compromise: Abortion law reform in Britain, Canada, and Spain, 1960s–1980s.” *Health and History* 24, no. 2 (2024): 30-50.

Bull, Sarah and Ignaciuk, Agata (2024). “Introduction: Sex, science and censorship,” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 33 (1): 1-11.

Ignaciuk, Agata and Jarska, Natalia (2023). “Unawareness and expertise: Acquiring knowledge about sexuality in post-war Poland,” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 32 (2): 121-143 (corresponding author).

Ignaciuk, Agata and Kościańska, Agnieszka (2023) “Re-gendering childbirth: Catholicism and medical activism regarding birth preparation in Poland (1950s–1990s),” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 78 (3): 249-269 (corresponding author).

Chelstowska, Agata, and Ignaciuk, Agata (2023) “Criminalization, medicalization, and stigmatization. Genealogies of abortion activism in Poland,” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 48 (2): 423-453 (corresponding author).

Jarska, Natalia and Ignaciuk, Agata (2022). “Marriage, gender and demographic change: managing fertility in state-socialist Poland,” *Slavic Review* 81 (1): 142-162 (corresponding author).

Kościańska, Agnieszka, Ignaciuk, Agata and Chelstowska, Agata (2022) “Catholic intimacies: Negotiating contraception in late communist Poland,” *Journal of Religious History* 46 (3): 483-502 (corresponding author).

Jarska, Natalia and Ignaciuk, Agata (2022) “Premarital sex in state-socialist Poland: A generational perspective,” *East European Politics, Societies and Cultures* 37 (2) 2022: 656-677 (corresponding author).

Ignaciuk, Agata (2022) “Innovation and maladjustment. Contraceptive technologies in state-socialist Poland, 1950s-1970s,” *Technology and Culture* 63 (1): 182-208.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2021) “In sickness and in health. Expert discussions on abortion indications, risks and patient-doctor relationship in post-war Poland,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 95 (1): 83-112.

Ignaciuk, Agata and Sethna, Christabelle (2020) “Charters for choice: Abortion travel, abortion referral networks and Spanish women’s transnational reproductive agency, 1975-1985,” *Gender & History* 32 (2): 286-303.

Ignaciuk, Agata and Kelly, Laura (2020) “Contraception and Catholicism in the twentieth century: Transnational perspectives on expert, activist and intimate practices,” *Medical History* 64 (2): 163-172.

Kuźma-Markowska, Sylwia and Ignaciuk, Agata (2020) “Family planning advice in state-socialist Poland, 1950s-1980s: Local and transnational exchanges,” *Medical History* 64 (2): 240-266 (corresponding author).

Ignaciuk, Agata (2020) “No man’s land? Gendering contraception in family planning advice literature in state-socialist Poland (1950s-1980s),” *Social History of Medicine* 33 (4): 1327-1349.

Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Ignaciuk, Agata (2019) "Investigar y comunicar la historia de la anticoncepción," *Atlánticas. Revista Internacional de Estudios Feministas* 4 (1): 64-85.

Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Ignaciuk, Agata (2018) "Historia de la anticoncepción e historia oral, una revisión bibliográfica," *Dynamis* 38 (2): 293-302.

Ignaciuk, Agata and Villén Jiménez, Alba (2018) "¿Una pequeña revolución sexual? Experiencias de sexualidad y anticoncepción de mujeres andaluzas entre los años cincuenta y ochenta del siglo XX," *Dynamis* 38 (2): 303-331 (corresponding author).

Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Ignaciuk, Agata (2018) "The fight for family planning in Spain during late Francoism and transition to democracy," *Journal of Women's History* 32 (2): 38-62.

Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Ignaciuk, Agata (2015) "'Pregnancy and labour cause more deaths than oral contraceptives': The debate on the pill in the Spanish press in the 1960s and 1970s," *Public Understanding of Science* 24 (6): 658-671 (corresponding author).

Ignaciuk, Agata (2014) "'Clueless about contraception': The introduction and circulation of the contraceptive pill in state-socialist Poland (1960s-1970s)," *Medicina nei Secoli. Arte e Scienza* 26 (2): 509-535.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2014) "Publicidad farmacéutica y género: Anuncios de la píldora en España (1964-1985)," *Medicina e Historia* 1: 4-21.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2014) "'Ten szkodliwy zabieg'. Dyskursy na temat aborcji w publikacjach Towarzystwa Świadomego Macierzyństwa/Towarzystwa Planowania Rodziny (1956-1980)," *Zeszyty Etnologii Wrocławskiej* 20 (1): 75-97.

Rodríguez Ocaña, Esteban, Ignaciuk, Agata and Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa (2012) "Ovulostáticos y anticonceptivos. El conocimiento médico sobre 'la píldora' en España durante el franquismo y la transición democrática (1940-1979)," *Dynamis* 32 (2): 467-494.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2011) "Anticoncepción, aborto y género: Aportaciones desde los estudios de género en la historia y en las ciencias sociales," *Eä-Revista de Humanidades Médicas & Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y la Tecnología* 1 (2): 1-25.

Book Chapters

Ignaciuk, Agata (2025) "Limitations, innovations and imitations: Chemical contraceptives in communist Poland." In Kościańska, Agnieszka, Kurimay, Anita, Lišková, Kateřina and Renkin, Hadley Z. eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Sexuality in East Central Europe* (London: Routledge), pp. 211-219.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2022) "Marital intercourse means togetherness and parenthood: The biopolitics of Catholic marriage preparation in Poland during the 1970s." In: Klich-Kluczevska, Barbara, von Puttkamer, Joachim and Rebitchek, Immo, eds. *Biopolitics in Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th century* (London: Routledge), pp. 56-72.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2019) "Abortion travel and the cost of reproductive choice in Spain (1967-1985)." In: Sethna, Christabelle and Davis, Gayle, eds. *Abortion across borders: Transnational travel and access to abortion services* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press), pp. 231-251.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2018) "Paradox of the pill: Oral contraceptives in Spain and Poland (1960s-1970s)." In: Gembries, Ann-Katrin, Theuke, Theresia and Heinemann, Isabel, eds. *Children by choice? Changing values, reproduction, and family planning in the twentieth century* (Berlin: De Gruyter), pp. 123-143.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2018) "Love in the time of El Generalísimo: Debates about the pill in Spain before and after Humanae Vitae." In: Harris, Alana, ed. *The schism of '68: Catholics, contraception and Humanae Vitae in Europe, 1945-1975* (London: Palgrave), pp. 229-250.

Ignaciuk, Agata (2016) "Reproductive policies and women's birth control practices in state-socialist Poland (1960s-1980s)." In: Niethammer, Lutz and Satjuko, Silke, eds. *"Wenn die Chemie stimmt". Gender relations and birth control in the age of the "pill"* (Göttingen: Wallstein), pp. 271-294.

Ignaciuk, Agata, Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Rodríguez Ocaña, Esteban (2014) "Doctors, women and the circulation of knowledge of oral contraceptives in Spain, 1960s-1970s." In: Ortiz-Gómez, Teresa and Santesmases, María-Jesús, eds. *Gendered drug standards. Historical and socio-cultural perspectives* (Farnham: Ashgate), pp. 133-152.

Book Reviews

Kościańska, Agnieszka and Petryk, Michał (2022). *Odejdź. Rzecz o polskim rasizmie* (Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Krytyki Politycznej) – *Slavic Review* 82 no 3 (2024): 815-816.

Rutzerholz, Caroline (2020) *Women's medicine: Sex, family planning and British female doctors in transnational perspective* (Manchester: Manchester University Press) - *Journal of British Studies* 61 no. 3 (2022): 802-803.

Drucker, Donna (2020) *Contraception. A concise history* (Cambridge: The MIT press) - *Metascience* 2021 <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11016-021-00701-9>

Santesmases, María Jesus (2018) *The circulation of penicillin in Spain: Health, wealth and authority* (Cham: Palgrave MacMillan) - *Technology and Culture* 62 no. 2 (2021): 622-623.

Kelly, Laura (2017). *Irish medical education and student culture, c. 1850-1950* (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press) - *Dynamis* 40 no. 1 (2020): 253-255.

Kościańska, Agnieszka (2017) *Zobaczyć łosia. Historia polskiej edukacji seksualnej od pierwszej lekcji do Internetu* (Wołowiec: Czarne) - *Aspasia* 13 no. 1 (2019): 205-207.

Blázquez Ornat, Isabel (2017) *El practicante: el nacimiento de una nueva profesión sanitaria en España* (Madrid: CSIC) - *Social History of Medicine* 32 no. 2 (2019): 421-423.

Klich-Kluczevska, Barbara (2015) *Rodzina, tabu i komunizm w Polsce, 1956-1989* (Kraków: Liberian) - *Clio. Femmes, Genre, Histoire* 48 (2018) <https://journals.openedition.org/clio/15570>

Michaels, Paula A. (2014) *Lamaze: An international history* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) - *Dynamis* 37 no. 1 (2017): 229-231.

Parry, Manon (2013) *Broadcasting birth control. Mass media and family planning* (New Jersey: Rutgers University Press) - *Dynamis* 35 no. 1 (2015): 242-245.

Cabré i Pairet, Montserrat and Salmón Muñiz, Fernando (eds) (2013) *Sexo y género en medicina. Una introducción a los estudios de las mujeres y de género en ciencias de la salud* (Santander: Universidad de Cantabria) - *Asclepio* 66 no. 1 (2014): 48-49.

Felitti, Karina (2012) *Revolución de la píldora. Sexualidad y política en los sesenta* (Buenos Aires: Edhasa) - *Dynamis* 34 no. 2 (2014): 529-532.

Freidenfelds, Lara (2009) *The modern period: Menstruation in twentieth century America* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press) - *Dynamis* 31 no. 1 (2011): 270-273.

Ortiz Gómez, Teresa (2006) *Medicina, historia y género. 130 años de investigación feminista* (Oviedo: KRK) - *Graduate Journal of Social Sciences* 7 no. 1 (2010): 78-82.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2019 PhD Prize, University of Granada, Spain

2016 PhD Prize, Spanish Society for the History of Medicine

2015 PhD Summa Cum Laude, University of Granada, Spain

2013 Fundación Uriach 1838 Prize for the best essay in history of medicine

GRANTS

The Rector of the University of Warsaw microgrant covering Open Access fees, University of Warsaw, Poland (March 2019)

FPU (Formación de Profesorado Universitario) predoctoral grant, Spanish Ministry of Education, University of Granada, Spain, October 2010-January 2015. Project title: *Hormonal contraception in Spain and Poland: Discourses, debates and practices between 1960 and 1980*

Research mobility grants, University of Granada Research Fund. Research visits funded: Imre Kertész Kolleg Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena, Germany (July-December 2021); Centre for the History of Medicine, University of Warwick, United Kingdom (December 2013-March 2014) Instituto de Filosofía, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, Spain (July-September 2011)

Research mobility grant, European Science Foundation Research Networking Programme DRUGS. Standard drugs and drug standards. A comparative historical study of pharmaceuticals in the twentieth century. Research visits funded: Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland (September-December 2012); Institut für Geschichte der Medizin der Charité, Berlin, Germany (February 2010); University College London, United Kingdom (September 2010)

European Commission-Action 3 GEMMA Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree research mobility fellowship. Research visit funded: Florida International University, United States (July-August 2009)

Talentia MA grant, Council of Science, Innovation and Business, regional government of Andalucía, to fund the MA at the University of Bologna (September 2008-June 2009)

INVITED TALKS

2024

“Socialist reproductive medicine? Abortion reform and the provision of abortion services in Spain (1970s-1990s)” Connecting3Worlds seminar (online) (21 March)

2023

“Beyond Vatican roulette: gender, science and natural family planning technologies in communist Poland,” *HisGender Gap – International Summer School on Gender and Science*, University of Granada (29 May)

2022

“Reproductive rights behind the Iron Curtain? Abortion stigma and abortion practice in communist Poland.” Workshop *When dystopia becomes reality: Law, literature and the post-Roe v. Wade world*, University of Vienna (1 December)

2021

“Law, medicine and shame. Genealogies of abortion activism in Poland” (with Agata Chelstowska). Workshop *Mon choix-Réseaux et pratiques dans l'histoire de l'avortement en Europe (XXe-XXIe siècles)*, Université Libre de Bruxelles (online) (21 April)

2019

“Beyond “harmful surgery”: Medical debates about abortion in Poland, 1927-1993.” Workshop *Fearing the nation. Biopolitics in East Central Europe in the twentieth century*, Imré Kertész Kolleg, Jena, Germany (13 June)

“Abortion “cultures”: Politics, activism and experiences in the Cold War era.” *Tenth European Spring School on the History of Science and Popularisation*, Mahón, Spain (25 May)

2018

“Abortion sigma and abortion practice in state-socialist Poland.” Workshop *Patrie, popoli, corpi: Ripensare genere, sessualità e famiglia nell'era dei nuovi nazionalismi*, Società Italiana delle Storiche-La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy (15 June)

2016

“The paradox of the pill: Oral contraceptives and birth control in Franco's Spain and in state-socialist Poland (1960s-1970s).” Workshop *Making children? Twentieth century value changes in human reproduction and family planning*, University of Mainz, Germany (14 April)

2015

“Just what the doctor ordered: Marketing the contraceptive pill in Europe and the US (1960s-1970s).” Workshop *Globalisation of medicine and public health: Economic and social perspectives (1850-2000)*, University of Lausanne, Switzerland (13 March)

“La circulación de la píldora en contextos no democráticos: España y Polonia, 1960-1980.” Workshop *Nuevas fronteras en historia de la medicina y de las ciencias de la salud*, University of Alicante, Universidad Miguel Hernández, Alicante, Spain (16 December)

2014

October 2025

“La publicidad farmacéutica como fuente: Anuncios de la píldora en Europa Occidental y Estados Unidos (1960s-1980s).” Symposium on *Visual studies of medicine and health, past and present*, University of Zaragoza, Spain (27 November)

2013

“Using the pill in a non-democratic regime: Women and oral contraceptives in Spain and Poland, 1960s and 1970s.” Workshop *When the chemistry works... Gender relations and birth control in the age of the pill*, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany (28 November)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Symposia Co-organised

2023

Gender and Intersectionality in Science, Technology, and Medicine: Historical Perspectives. International Conference of the Commission on Women and Gender of the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Granada, Spain, 2-3 June (with María Jesús Santesmases and Andrea Núñez Casal)

2020

Sex, science and censorship in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, University of Granada, Spain, 17-18 February (with Jen Groove and Sarah Bull)

2019

Sexual knowledge and sexual expertise in Europe's East, before and after 1945, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, 3-5 June (with Kateřina Lišková, Agnieszka Kościańska, Hadley Redkin and Anita Kurimay)

2011

Gendered drug standards. Historical and socio-anthropological perspectives, University of Granada, Spain, 28-30 November (with Teresa Ortiz-Gómez and María Jesús Santesmases)

Panels and Roundtables Organised

2025 “Abortion beyond medicine.” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, Humboldt University, Berlin, 26-29 August

2023

“Abortion services in the South of Europe in crisis times: prohibition and institutionalization in France, Italy and Spain.” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, University of Oslo, Norway, 30 August-2 September

“Catholicism, gender and anti-abortion activism in Europe (1970-present).” European Social Science History Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April

2022

“Religion, intimacy and precarity: Polish Catholic narratives of (non-)reproduction (1980s-present)” (with Sylwia Kuźma-Markowska). Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (online), 13-14 October

2021

“Catholic discourses on reproductive health in state-socialist Poland, 1960s-1990s.” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference (online), 7-10 September

“Reproductive health archives in pandemic time.” American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Conference (online), 12-16 May.

“Activism around sexual and reproductive health counselling across Europe: Forms of resistance and (de) medicalisation from below” (with Caroline Rusterholz and Yuliya Hilevych). European Social Science History Conference (online), 24-27 March.

October 2025

2020

“Rethinking Catholic approaches to gender, sexuality and reproduction in Poland: Local and transnational perspectives, past and present (with Agnieszka Kościańska).” Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (online), 5-8 and 14-15 November.

2018

“Birth control practices, gender, and sexuality in twentieth-century oral testimonies: Transnational perspectives from Catholic countries” (with Laura Kelly). European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, United Kingdom, 4-7 April.

“Birth control movements and activism in the twentieth century: Transnational perspectives from Catholic countries” (with Laura Kelly). European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, United Kingdom, 4-7 April.

2016

“Spreading conception and contraception: Technology, industry, marketing and consumers” (with Teresa Ortiz-Gómez). European Social Science History Conference, University of Valencia, Spain, 30 March-2 April.

Papers Presented (Selection, Last 10 Years)

2025

“Abortion on trial: Doctors, the courts, and media coverage in Spain and Canada, 1970s-1980s.” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, Humboldt University, Berlin, 26-29 August

2024

“Socialist reproductive medicine? Abortion reform and the provision of abortion services in Spain (1970-1990s).” 11th Conference of the European Society for the History of Science, University of Pompeu Fabra, Spain, 4-7 September.

“Implementing and resisting legal abortion in Andalucía, Spain (1985-2010).” Society for Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom, 16-19 July.

2023

“Transitioning abortion care: Healthcare professionals and abortion services in Spain before and after decriminalization (1985).” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, University of Oslo, Norway, 30 August-2 September.

“Catholicism and anti-abortion activism in the Spanish 1970s” (with Ángela Segura Arenas), European Social Science History Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April.

2022

“Constructing precarious bodies: Representations of the embryo and foetus in late state-socialist Poland (1980s)” (with Sylwia Kuźma-Markowska). Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (online), 13-14 October.

“Spaces of democratisation. The provision of abortion services in early democratic Spain, 1970-1980.” Twenty-eighth International Conference of Europeanists, Council of European Studies, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal, 29 June-2 July.

“Counter-technologies of care: Vacuum aspiration in Poland (1960-1980).” Workshop Whose choice, whose rights? Global-historical and intersectional approaches to the emergence of reproductive rights after 1945, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom, 9-10 June.

2021

“Genealogies of abortion activism in Poland, 1950-2021.” Forty-fifth Annual Conference of the German Studies Association (online), 30 September-3 October

“Debating premarital sex in Catholic and state-socialist Poland” (with Natalia Jarska), European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference (online), 7-10 September.

“Do not use-love. Sexual and contraceptive expertise and anti-abortion activism in Catholic preparation for marriage in Poland during late socialism,” European Social Science History Conference (online), 24-27 March.

October 2025

2020

“Catholic intimacies. Catholics negotiating birth control in state-socialist Poland (1950s-1980s)” (with Agata Chelstowska), Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (online), 5-8 and 14-15 November.

2019

“Sensing nature? The “natural regulation of conceptions” in state-socialist Poland (1970s-1980s).” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, 27-30 August.

“Marital intercourse is togetherness and parenthood. Sexual and contraceptive expertise in Polish preparation for Catholic marriage guides in the 1970s.” Workshop *Sexual knowledge and sexual expertise in Europe’s East, before and after 1945*, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, 3-5 June.

2018

“Living in an abortion paradise? Women’s contraceptive choices in state-socialist Poland (1950s-1980s).” International Federation for Research in Women’s History Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 9-12 August.

““Charters for choice”: Spanish women’s transnational abortion travel activism (1975-1985).” Workshop *Reproductive and sexual health activism, c.1960-present*, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom, 17-18 July.

““Harmful surgery” revisited? Expert to expert discourses about abortion in Poland (1950s-1960s).” Society for the Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference, University of Liverpool, 11-14 July.

““Mothers-coffins”? Abortion debates and women’s experiences in state-socialist Poland (1950s-1980s).” European Social Science History Conference, Queen’s University, Belfast, United Kingdom, 4-7 April.

2017

““An underground public health office”? Abortion travel networks in Spain (1970-1985).” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania, 30 August-2 September.

2016

“Advertising therapy, selling birth control. Scientific marketing of oral contraceptives in Spain (1960-1980).” European Social Science History Conference, University of Valencia, Spain, 30 March-2 April.

2015

“The cost of reproductive choice in Spain (1970-1985).” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Biennial Conference, University of Cologne, Germany, 2-5 September.

“Debates about women and feminism in the Polish press during the 1970s.” Ninth European Feminist Research Conference, University of Lapland, Finland, 3-5 June.

Roundtables

2023

“Teaching the history of sexuality in Europe.” European Social Science History Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April

Discussant

2023

“Mothers at risk in socialist East-Central Europe. Medical and psychological expertise on healthy motherhood in a comparative perspective, the 1950s-1980s.” European Social Science History Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April

“Family, sex and reproduction: Legacy of the Cold War.” European Social Science History Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April

October 2025

2021

“Religion and social change in the twentieth century.” European Social Science History Conference (online), 24-27 March.

2018

“Sex education and reproductive politics in twentieth century (Eastern) Europe.” European Social Science History Conference, Queen’s University of Belfast, United Kingdom, 4-7 April.

“Monitoring teenage sexuality in Europe in the second half of the twentieth century.” European Social Science History Conference, Queen’s University of Belfast, United Kingdom, 4-7 April.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

International

HisGenderGap – International Summer School on Gender and Science, University of Granada, 29 May-2 June 2023 (organized with Maria Rentetzi, María Jesús Santesmases and Sofia Costa D’Aguiar)

University of Granada

Gender, the body and women in history (2020-2024) (leading instructor)

History of the health sciences (2019-2024) (since 2020 leading instructor)

Bioethics (2019-2024)

History of medicine (2012-2024), including twenty-hour research seminars on the history of contraception and gender and the history of health professions (as sole instructor).

History of dentistry (2012-2018), including a five-hour seminar on academic writing (as sole instructor).

History of reproductive health activism module in the course Gender, the body and women in history (2016-2019).

University of Warsaw

Sex, contraception and abortion across the Iron Curtain (with Agnieszka Kościńska) (2018-2019) (leading instructor).

Gendered contraceptive cultures-historical and anthropological perspectives (2017-2018) (sole instructor, responsible for setting up the course).

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

University of Granada

I am currently supervising three PhD thesis in history (one of them in co-tutelle), one in history of science and two in women’s and gender studies (one of them in co-tutelle). Up to date, I supervised and co-supervised four MA thesis in women’s and gender studies and 17 end-of degree projects in the history of medicine and health.

University Miguel Hernández

I am currently co-supervising a PhD thesis in history of science.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer for *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (2025), *Austrian Journal of Historical Studies* (2024), *Centaurus* (2024), *Paedagogica Historica* (2024), *East Central Europe* (2023), *History of Human Sciences* (2023, 2024, 2025), *Journal of Church and State* (2023), *Continuity and Change* (2023), *Medical Humanities* (2023, 2022, 2021), *Medical History* (2024-2022, 2019), *Sexualities* (2023), *Journal of Homosexuality* (2023), *Aspasia* (2022), *Contemporary Clinical Trials* (2022), *History of European Ideas* (2022), *Contemporary European History* (2024, 2021), *Social History of Medicine* (2024, 2021, 2019), *Salud Colectiva* (2020), *Dynamis Journal for the History of Medicine, Science, and Health* (2025, 2019, 2018), *Arenal* (2019, 2016), and *Revista Internacional de Sociología* (2016).

October 2025

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English-fluent

Italian-conversational

German-can read with dictionary

French-basic

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