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the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Filosofický
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are organizing an

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Intellectual History of Antifascism: Women's Responses to the Rise of Fascism and Nazism

Prague, 4-5 June 2026

Conference venue: Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences
(Filosofický ústav AV ČR), Jilská 352, 110 00 Staré Město, Czechia



June 4, 2026

09:00 – Gathering

09:15 – Introduction

09:30–10:30 – Panel 1, Antifascism in the 1920s

Molly Pucci - Czechoslovak Communist Antifascism in the 1920s

Marta Baradić - The Labin Republic (1921) and the role of Giuseppina Martinuzzi

10:30–11:00 – Coffee break

11:00–12:30 – Panel 2, Antifascism and Democracy

Maria Falina and Ido de Haan - How to be a Democrat without being an Anti-Fascist in Interwar Europe?

Marco Bresciani - An Antifascist Quest for Democratic Alternatives: Issues of Sovereignty and Trade beyond the Nation

Isidora Grubački - Between Antifascist Action and Political Neutrality: Contested Meanings of Feminism and Democracy in the Late 1930s

12:30–14:30 – Lunch (Cafe Husovka)

14:30–15:30 – Panel 3, Antifascism and Feminism Beyond WWII

Zsófia Lóránd - Feminist Anti-Fascism between Self-Realisation and Cross-Class Solidarity

Kristina Andělová - Anti-Fascism and the Reimagining of Democracy: Post-War Political Thought of Milada Horáková

15:30–16:00 – Coffee break

16:00–17:30 – Panel 4, Antifascist Collectives: Spaces, Discourses, and Political Formation

Jakub Vrba – Sudeten German Communist Women and the Politics of Antifascism

Željka Oparnica - Obstinate Girls: Collective Intellectual Formation and Political Action in a Belgrade High School in the 1930s

Neja Blaj Hribar - The Pacifist Discourse and Antifascism: Slovenian Women's Magazines in the 1930s

19:00 – Workshop dinner (Vegtral)

June 5, 2026

09:30–11:00 – Panel 5, Women’s Intellectual Biographies and Antifascism

Ondřej Holub - For the Spirit of an Ideal: The Anti-Fascist stance of Františka Zemínová and the Fate of Czech National Socialism in the 1930

Stanislava Barac - Mila Dimić’s Antifascist Performances

11:00–11:30 – Coffee break

11:30–12:30 – Panel 6, Antifascism and Women’s Labour

Manca G. Renko - Hidden Infrastructures of Antifascism: Women’s Political Labor and Thought in Interwar Yugoslavia

Jelena Tešija – Magda Bošković: Women's Labor and the Language of Antifascist, Antiwar and Anticapitalist Thought in Yugoslavia

12:30–14:30 – Lunch (Cafe Husovka)

14:30–15:30 – Panel 7, Partisan and Anti-Nazi Resistance

Vlasta Kordová - Warriors or Victims? Women in the Soviet Partisan Movement: Ideology, Historiography and Everyday Practices of Resistance in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

Jan Mervart - Imagining Free Society: Czech anti-Nazi Resistance and the Role of Women

15:30–16:00 – Coffee break

16:00–17:00 – Final presentation and Wrap-Up Session

Ondřej Slačálek - Is it Farewell to Antifascist Hegemony?
Wrap Up Discussion

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