

Education

2001

Habilitation in modern and contemporary history with a book on German Nationalist and National Socialist women's organisations ('Völkische Frauenbewegung'. Deutschnationale und nationalsozialistische Geschlechterpolitik in Österreich. Vienna 1998)

1993

Dr. phil. with a dissertation on National Socialist Youth organisations. (Published as: Jugend ohne Zukunft. Hitler-Jugend und Bund Deutscher Mädel in Österreich vor 1938. Vienna 1994)

1987

Master's degree in History with a study on policies around alcohol and gender in the Austrian Social Democratic Party after World War I

1981–1987

University of Vienna: studies of history, gender studies, philosophy, linguistics

Academic Positions

2001–present

A.o. Univ.-Professor at the Department of Contemporary History at the University of Vienna

2021/22

Fernand Braudel Fellow at the Department of History, European University Institute (EUI), Florence

2018-2019

Gerda Henkel guest professor at the London School of Economics and at the German Historical Institute London

1998–2001

University Assistant at the Department of Contemporary History at the University of Vienna

1993–1995

University Assistant at the Department of History at the University of Vienna

Key Research Areas

Modern and Contemporary History of Women and Gender
Nations and Nationalisms, theoretical and empirical research
Biography – theoretical and empirical research
Social Movements: Women’s Movements, Youth Movements
National Socialism – Movement, Regime, Memory
Transfer and Translation History

Research Projects

2019–2022

Translating Feminism. Biographical Practices and Cultures of Transnational Mediation before the First World War (book project)

2017–2019

100 Years of Women’s Suffrage in Austria. Exhibition at the Austrian Museum of Folk Life and Folk Art and at the Women’s Museum Hittisau, commissioned by several Austrian Institutions. Scientific project management (together with Gabriella Hauch and Maria Mesner)

2013–2018

Commitment and Professionalisation. Käthe Schirmacher (1865-1930) – Self-invention between Radical Women’s Movements and German Nationalism; scientific project management and senior researcher, research stay in Berlin. Website: <https://schirmacherproject.univie.ac.at/>

1996–1998

Experiences, Self-Constructions and Life Plans in the Biographical Papers of a Viennese School Teacher and Feminist (1884–1970), commissioned by the Austrian Science Fund, scientific project management: Edith Saurer; collaborator (together with Monika Bernold), research stay in Moskau

1995–1996

Perspectives of feminist research, commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Arts; collaborator (together with Mona Singer)

1992–1995

German Nationalism of Austrian Women (1918–1938), commissioned by the Anniversary Fund of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank; principal investigator

1989–1992

Viennese Youths 1930–1950, commissioned by the Austrian Science Fund, scientific project management: Reinhard Sieder; collaborator in the research team; research stays in Berlin and Koblenz

Board Memberships and Functions at the University of Vienna – selected

2020

Faculty Member of the Vienna Doctoral School of Historical and Cultural Studies

2012–2014

Head of the Department of Contemporary History

2011–2018, 2022

Doctoral Advisory Board, member, substitute member

2010–2014

equal treatment commissioner in appointment and habilitation committees at the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies

2008–present

Key research area women's and gender history at the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, co-speaker, speaker

2003–2008

Collaborator in the development of a curriculum for women's and gender studies

2001–2004

Studies committee, 2003/4 as deputy director of studies

Collaboration in Scientific Societies – selected

2019–2021

Member of the International Standing Working Group on Medialization and Empowerment of the Max Weber Foundation

2011–present

Netzwerk für Biographieforschung/Network for Biographical Research

2010–2014

Irma Rosenberg-awards for research in the history of National Socialism, board member, head

2002–present

Co-editor of the OeZG – Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften/
Austrian Journal of Historical Studies, since 2020 on the executive board

1999–present

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Zeitgeschichte, executive board member

Awards – selected

1997

Käthe Leichter award for women's and gender history (Federal Chancellery Republic of Austria)

1995

Victor Adler promotional award (Austrian Federal Ministry of Science)

Papers and Presentations 2018–2020 – selected

January 12, 2022

Im/possible Careers and Scholarly Households. Gendered Scholarly Personae around 1900. Lecture at the Max Weber Lecture Series at the European University Institute, Florence/Max Weber Programme

October 27, 2021

Mediating Feminism. Transnational Practices of Transfer in Europe around 1900. Presentation at the Colloquium of the the Department of History, European University Institute (EUI), Florence

December 10/11, 2020

Archiving, Recording and Representing Feminism: The Global History of Women's Emancipation in the 20th Century. Second Meeting of the International Standing Working Group on Medialization and Empowerment. India International Centre, New Delhi

June 19/21, 2019

IABA Conference. Knowing the Self: Auto/Biographical Narratives and the History of Knowledge, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Paper: The Im/possible Career of Dr. K. Schirmacher)

Februar 6, 2019

Lecture at the Modern European History Seminar, University of Newcastle: Modern Women, Radical Feminism, and Politics around 1900. Travelling Concepts in a Transnational Space

January 16, 2019

Lecture at the University of Roehampton: Covering Suffragism. Austrian Newspapers on Militant Women's Rights Activism in Britain

November 27, 2018

Department of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Gerda Henkel Visiting Professorship Lecture: Translating Feminism in National and Transnational Spaces. A Biographical Perspective on Women's Movements around 1900

August 31/September 1, 2018

27th Annual Women's History Network Conference, University of Portsmouth (Paper: Covering Suffragism. German-speaking Media in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy on Women's Activism in the United Kingdom)

Johanna Gehmacher – Publications– selected

Books

Käthe Schirmacher: Agitation und autobiografische Praxis zwischen radikaler Frauenbewegung und völkischer Politik. Wien, Köln, Weimar 2018 (together with Elisa Heinrich und Corinna Oesch)

http://www.boehlau-verlag.com/download/164990/978-3-205-20721-4_OpenAccess.pdf

Land der Söhne. Geschlechterverhältnisse in der Zweiten Republik. Innsbruck et al. 2007 (together with Maria Mesner)

Auto/Biographie und Frauenfrage. Tagebücher, Briefwechsel, Politische Schriften von Mathilde Hanzel-Hübner (1884–1970). Vienna et al. 2003 (together with Monika Bernold)

Edited Books

Biographien und Migrationen/Biographies and Migrations. Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften 29 (2018), 3 (together with Katharina Prager and Klara Löffler)

<https://journals.univie.ac.at/index.php/oezg/issue/view/277>

Storylines and Blackboxes: Autobiografie und Zeugenschaft in der Nachgeschichte von Nationalsozialismus und Zweitem Weltkrieg. Vienna 2017 (together with Klara Löffler)

Frauen- und Geschlechtergeschichte des Nationalsozialismus. Fragestellungen, Perspektiven, neue Forschungen. Innsbruck et al. 2007 (together with Gabriella Hauch)

Recent Articles

Im/possible Careers. Gendered Perspectives on Scholarly Personae around 1900 In: European Journal of Life Writing 11 (2022), WG 70-102 (Cluster: When Does the Genius do the Chores? Knowledge, Auto/Biography and Gender)

<https://ejlw.eu/article/view/38786/36266> (07-06-2022)

Covering the Suffragettes: Austrian Newspapers Reporting on Militant Women's Rights Activism in the United Kingdom, in Hannam, J. & Purvis, J. (eds.): The British Women's Suffrage Campaign: National and International Perspectives. London 2020

„Frauenarbeit“ 1903. Oder: Feminismus im Modus der Anschaulichkeit, in: González Athenas, M. & Schnicke, F. (eds): Popularisierungen von Geschlechterwissen: (Vor-)Moderne Wissenstransfers. Berlin (Beihefte zur Historischen Zeitschrift) 2020

In/Visible Transfers: Translation as a Crucial Practice in Transnational Women's Movements around 1900, in: German Historical Institute London Bulletin XLI (2019), 2 https://www.ghil.ac.uk/publications/bulletin/bulletin_41_2/

Macht/Lust – Übersetzung und fragmentierte Traditionsbildung als Strategien zur Mobilisierung eines radikalen Feminismus, in: Erinnern, vergessen, umdeuten? Europäische Frauenbewegungen im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert, ed. by Angelika Schaser et al. Frankfurt/New York 2019

„Wie haben die Frauen gewählt?“ –Die Krise der Demokratie, der Nationalsozialismus und die Normativität des männlichen Votums. In: Blaustrumpf ahoi! (ed): „Sie meinen es politisch!“ 100 Jahre Frauenwahlrecht in Österreich: Geschlechterdemokratie als gesellschaftspolitische Herausforderung. Vienna 2019, 73-85

For a complete list of publications: zeitgeschichte.univie.ac.at/ueber-uns/wissenschaftliche-mitarbeiterinnen/johanna-gehmacher/