

# Activists in exile

## Gender, political commitment and migration in the 20th century

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF BELGIUM  
RUE DE RUYSBROECK 8-10, 1000 BRUSSELS

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8.45

● **Welcome**

9.15-9.30

● **Introduction**

Juliette MASQUELIER (Universiteit Antwerpen)

9.30-10.40

● **Panel 1: Activist networks & agency (1)**

**Juliette LOUVEGNY (Université de Namur)**

*Revolution and student migration. Gendered experiences, relations and policing of Russian students in Belgium (1890-1914)*

**Ottavia DAL MASO (Università degli Studi di Genova & Université Côte d'Azur)**

*Unveiling networks of anti-fascist and communist women, 1933-1939*

**Cecilia TONINATO (Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale & Université Libre de Bruxelles)**

*The political commitment of Italian women in occupied Belgium during WWII*

10.40-11.00

● **Coffee break**

11.00-12.10

● **Panel 2: Activist networks & agency (2)**

**Idesbald GODDEERIS (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)**

*Masculinity and women activists among Polish exiles in Belgium after 1945*

**Paul-Emmanuel BABIN (Université de Lille)**

*Internationalist activists exiled in Belgium during the Algerian War. Between clandestinity and invisibility of the leaders*

**Caner TEKIN (Ruhr University Bochum)**

*Exploring the organisations of Turkish and Kurdish refugee women: conflicts and interactions in the 1980s*

12.10-12.30

● **Break**

12.30-13.20

● **Panel 3: Normative outlook & repression**

**Yasmina ZIAN (Université Libre de Bruxelles)**

*The Belgian Aliens Police, women's expulsions and strategies to resist*

**Juliette MASQUELIER (Universiteit Antwerpen)**

*Women expelled for "political reasons" in Belgium in the 1920s and 1930s*

13.20-14.20

● **Lunch break**

14.20-15.30

● **Panel 4: Memory, traces & individual trajectories**

**Margot ELMER (European University Institute)**

*Angelica Balabanova in Brussels (1897-1899): the intellectual education of a socialist activist*

**Olivia SALMON MONVIOLA (Université de Clermont-Ferrand)**

*Feminine libertarian activism. Spanish anarchist network in Toulouse*

**Joanna SIERACKA (Józef Piłsudski Museum)**

*A curator of the memory unremembered. Gender and blank spots of Aleksandra Piłsudska's activism in exile*

15.30-16.00

● **Coffee break**

16.00-17.10

● **Panel 5: Gender & community**

**Delphine DIAZ (Université de Reims)**

*Belgian women refugees in France at war and their invisible commitments (1914-1919)*

**Sofiane BOUHDIBA (Université de Tunis)**

*The exile of Spanish Republican women in Tunisia in 1939: between indifference and solidarity*

**Neslihan DOGAN (Erfgoedcel Gent/Stadsmuseum Gent)**

*Connecting home, family and community. A closer look into the trajectories and roles of Turkish migrant women in Ghent between 1964 and 1979*

17.10

● **Reception**

Visit the exhibition **PARTIR – Emigration of Spanish Women** by curators **Tamara ATIENZAR & Laia BOLOIX** on the emigration of Spanish women to Belgium in the 1960s-1970s

