

MASHA BRATISHCHEVA
Curriculum Vitae
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social and gender history since the 19th century | Media cultures | Digital Humanities and cultural memory | European women's movement and public sphere

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral researcher at the Faculty of History, Philosophy, and Theology (Public History Unit), University of Bielefeld.

EDUCATION

PhD Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (2025, cum laude)
Thesis: *From Invisibility to Defiance: A Social History of the Women's Movement in the Russian Empire (1855-1881)*

MA Global History. Department of Global History, University of Bologna (2019)
Thesis: *Mystery of Balaclava: Women's Protest against the Patriarchal State in Putin's Russia*

BA Liberal Arts (major in Cognitive Science), Bard College/St. Petersburg State University (2011)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2025 'Writing Across Boundaries' training program, University of Illinois

2024 'Advanced academic English' training, Central European University, Vienna

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Academic recognition

2026 Young Researchers Postdoctoral fellowship, University of Bielefeld (€ 26 000)

2025 Honourable mention, Graduate Essay Prize, Association of Women in Slavic Studies.

2025 'Violence in East and West' fellowship, University of Konstanz, Germany (€6 000)

2025 Travel Grant from the Association for Slavic, East-European, and Eurasian Studies (\$ 1000)

2023 Erasmus+ Fellowship, University of Vienna, Austria (€17 000)

2022 ERC travel grant for the research conference in the ZARAH project (€ 500)

2020 Doctoral Fellowship, Italian government (approx. €79 000)

Public awards

2024 Nomination for the independent media award "Editorial Board" for the [podcast "Invisible City"](#)

2023 The Aachen Peace Prize for co-founding the Feminist Anti-War Resistance collective, defying repression, and protesting against the war in Ukraine, Germany (team award)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2025 Watching Children, Making Citizens: Montessori, Schmidt, Pikler (A Comparative Introduction), at 'Historical Perspectives on Infant Care and Child Education. Emmi Pikler, Infant Homes, and the Politics of Child Welfare in 20th Century Hungary,' Central European University, Budapest, 10–11 October.

Empires, Women's Anonymity, and Public Sphere, at "Summer Research Laboratory", University of Illinois, 7-11 July.

2024 Woman Question or Women's Movement? at 'New approaches to the history of gender in Italy and Europe,' Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 3-4 June.

2023 Behind the Husband: Invisible Women Scientists of the 19th Century, at the interdisciplinary workshop 'Making Women Visible in Philosophy and History of Science,' Graz, 7-8 March.

2021 Women translators in the 19th century Russian Empire, at the international conference 'Women's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries,' Central European University, Vienna, Austria, 14-16 October.

CAMPUS TALKS

2024 "Women's Agency in the 19th Century Russian Empire: Individual and Collective Experience", guest lecture at the Faculty of History, Oxford University, UK.

2023 "In the Shadow of the Great Reforms: The Invisible Women in the Russian Empire (1855- 1870)", guest lecture at the faculty of Gender studies, Central European University, Austria.

2022 "From Anonymity to Public Agency: the Women's Publishing Cooperative, 1863-1873", guest lecture at Jordan Centre for Advanced Russian Studies, New York University, USA.

MEMBERSHIP

Association for Women in Slavic Studies (since 2025)

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (since 2024)

Women Also Know History Association (since 2023)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Russian (mother tongue) | English (C2) | Italian (B2) | French (B2) | German (B1)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Theses

Bratishcheva, Masha. "From Invisibility to Defiance: A Social History of the Women's Movement in the Russian Empire (1855–1881)". PhD Thesis, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 2025. URL: <https://hdl.handle.net/11384/155544>.

Work in progress

Bratishcheva, Masha. *From Nursing to Bombs: A Social History of Russian Women's Movement.* (planned in 2027)

Bratishcheva, Masha. "Beyond the "Woman Question": Female Gender, Authorship and the Rise of Early Women's Movement in the Russian Empire during the Era of the Great Reforms."

Bratishcheva, Masha. "From 'The Woman Question' to Women's Movements: Revisiting the Historiography of Russian Women's Agency in the Nineteenth Century."

Bratishcheva, Masha. "Divergent Paths: Comparing Legacies of economists Maria Vernadkaia (1831-1860) and Harriet Taylor Mill (1807- 1858)."

Peer-reviewed

Bratishcheva, Masha. From Anonymity to Public Agency: The Women's Publishing Cooperative in St. Petersburg, 1863–1879." In *Through the Prism of Gender and Work: Women's Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries* edited by Selin Çağatay et al., 291–320 (Leiden: Brill, 2023) doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004682481_010.

Book review

Bratishcheva Masha, Review: Bonea, Amelia; Nastasă-Matei, Irina (Hrsg.): Negotiating In/visibility. Women, Science, Engineering and Medicine in the Twentieth Century, Manchester 2025, in: H-Soz-Kult, 26.11.2025, <https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-157046>.

Bratishcheva, Masha, Review: Women, Nationalism, and Social Networks in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1848–1918. *European Journal of Women's Studies*, 2024: 1(3), <https://doi.org/10.1177/13505068241262915>.

Other publications

Masha Bratishcheva. Podcast "Invisible City" (in Russian): <https://libolibo.ru/nevidimiygorod>.

Masha Bratishcheva. Interview: "Kak Peterburzhenki v XIX Veke Sozdali 'Obshchestvo Deshevykh Kvartir', chtoby Pobedit' Bednost' i Prolozhili Dorogu Zhenskogo Dvizheniia v Rossii," *Bumaga*, April 29, 2024, <https://paperpaper.io/kak-peterburzhenki-v-xix-veke-sozdali-ob/>.