

## PROGRAMME DEFINITION

**MATILDA** is a two-year International Master's degree programme in Women's and Gender History. Set up as part of the Erasmus scheme with funding from the European Commission, DG Education and Culture, MATILDA offers students the opportunity to study with leading gender historians and to experience a vibrant, stimulating international university environment.

**MATILDA** supports integrative perspectives which go beyond local, regional and national history and put women's and gender history as well as European history in a broader context. MATILDA aims to investigate the role of gender in shaping European history and welcomes approaches which explore how place, social position, ethnicity, age, religion and other categories have shaped the history of women and gender.

The **MATILDA** curricula at the partner universities include courses in core subjects in women's and gender history (theory, methodology, and research skills). Thematic foci, ranging from mediaeval ongoing to contemporary history, include the gendered history of: education; work; family and the life course; migrations; political systems; nationalism, post/colonialism, post/socialism; social movements; feminisms; science; masculinity.

## APPLICATION & REQUIREMENTS

**MATILDA** students can expect to study in at least two different countries over the course of four semesters. **MATILDA** supports language acquisition as part of the curriculum. The use of the European Credit Transfer System and the Diploma Certificate ensure the programme's transparency and comparability.

Prospective students apply to the partner university where they wish to enroll (see partner institutions).

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# MASTER MATILDA

THE FIRST  
EUROPEAN  
MASTER IN  
WOMEN'S  
AND GENDER  
HISTORY

## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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- University of Padua (Italy)

## ACADEMIC DEGREE

Graduates of the European Master Programme will be awarded a Master Degree by the university where the student is enrolled and in accordance with the regulations of relevant national legislation and university practice.

The degree certificate of the awarding university will be accompanied by a transcript showing the marks awarded throughout the programme and a copy of the MATILDA certificate which documents at which of the partner universities the student has studied.

- **Universität Wien:** Master of Arts (M.A.)
- **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski":** Master of Arts (Magister)
- **Université Lumière Lyon 2:** Master Sciences humaines et sociales. (Mention Études sur le genre. Spécialité « MATILDA Histoire des femmes et du genre ». Finalité Recherche)
- **Central European University (CEU):**
  - 1 - MA degree in "European Women's and Gender History (MATILDA) (US-accredited degree for students who enroll at CEU as their home institution and graduate from CEU)
  - 2 - "MA in Gender Studies, MATILDA: Women's and Gender History specialization". Hungarian-accredited degree for students graduating from CEU (last cohort eligible: students enrolled in their first year in the Academic Year 2018/2019)
- **Università degli Studi di Padova:** MA degree in Scienze storiche (MA Historical studies)
- **Ruhr-Universität Bochum:** Master of Arts

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



Alexandra Ghit, **MATILDA** graduate (Central European University and University of Nottingham), Postdoctoral Researcher in the project Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century (ZARAH).

*"What I have gained from this innovatively structured MA is a great curiosity about key topics in modern European history and an initial knowledge about how to pursue them, how to make my way through them. I can only hope that other Matildas have found similar joy in researching what they like and receive similar support when struggling as I have."*



Zarina María Riva García, **MATILDA** graduate (University of Vienna and Central European University), Freelance Translator at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA, Vienna).

*"MATILDA was a life-changing experience; it has contributed to my new self and given me an international profile highly demanded by employers. I enjoyed the first two semesters at the University of Vienna so much that I was reluctant to pack my stuff again and go on exchange. However, in the end I even got my Erasmus stay extended!"*

**MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE** (1826 – 1898) WAS A 19TH-CENTURY WOMEN'S SUFFRAGIST, A NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST, AN ABOLITIONIST AND A FREETHINKER, **"BORN WITH A HATRED OF OPPRESSION."**

THE **"MATILDA EFFECT"** DESCRIBES THE SYSTEMATIC UNDER-RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN TO SCIENCE. HISTORIAN MARGARET W. ROSSITER SUGGESTED "THAT SOCIOLOGISTS OF SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE CAN ADD TO THE 'MATTHEW EFFECT' THE 'MATILDA EFFECT' NAMED FOR MATILDA J. GAGE, WHO IN THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY BOTH EXPERIENCED AND ARTICULATED THIS PHENOMENON."

MATILDA IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY AND ENTANGLED **WOMEN'S AND GENDER HISTORY, EUROPEAN HISTORY, INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE**, AND PREPARE FOR A REWARDING PROFESSIONAL CAREER.