# OFF- AND ON-SCREEN

# The 'New Woman' in the Cinema of the Russian Empire

Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 1-3, 2022 University of Basel, CH





/S/f/m seminar für medienwissenschaft



# PRESENTATIONS

## Thursday, 1 September

#### 10:00 - 10:15

Opening Olga Dereviankina, Anna Kovalova, Clea Wanner

#### 10:15 - 11:45

First keynote **Rachel Morley** (University College London): The New Woman On- and Off-Screen in the Cinema of the Russian Empire, or Behind Every Great Man...'

11:45 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 15:20 Panel 1: Archives and Sources Chair: **Ute Holl** 

#### Irina Zubatenko

(Yaroslavl Museum-Preserve, Yaroslavl) Business Women and Public Officials: the Sources on the Work of Female Film Pioneers in the Russian Province of the 1910s and 1920s (the Case of the Yaroslavl Government) (online)

#### Olga Dereviankina

(Gosfilmofond of Russia) Vera Popova's (Khanzhonkova's) Archive at Gosfilmofond

#### Tamara Shvediuk

(Gosfilmofond of Russia) A New Take on Diana Karenne's Filmography Presentation of the recently identified film The Two Sister's Tragedy (1913)

15:20 – 15:45 Coffee-break

15:45 – 17:35 Panel 2. The New Woman Dancing Chair: **Luke Parker** 

#### Oksana Bulgakowa

(Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) Why Does she Have to Dance? A New Woman on Russian Screen (online)

**Sawako Ogawa** (Hokkaido University) Melodramatic Bodies in Pre-Revolutionary Russian Cinema

Elisa Uffreduzzi

(Université libre de Bruxelles) Travelling Dancers. The Contribution of Russian Film Divas to Women Emancipation

## Friday, September 2

<mark>9:30 – 11:00</mark> Panel 3. Screenwriting Chair: **Peter Bagrov** 

**Anna Andreeva** (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) Early Female Screenwriting in Russia: Pioneers, Chronology, Plots (online)

**Ekaterina Artemeva** (Sorbonne Nouvelle University / University of Lausanne),

Maria Nesterenko (Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie) Olga Blazhevich, the First Russian Professional Female Screenwriter?

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee-break

11:20 – 12:40 Panel 4. Inside Film Periodicals Chair: **Thomas Grob** 

**Oksana Chefranova** (Yale University) "A Shadow in Azure, A Temple of Smoke..." Women's Writings on Film in Russia in the 1910s

#### Arina Ranneva

(Freie Universität, Berlin) From the Audience to the Screen: A Woman as a Character of Christmas Stories in Early Russian Film Press 12:40 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 16:05 Panel 5. Theater, Art, and Fashion Chair: **Rachel Morley** 

**Vera Ustyugova** (Perm State University) The Prisoners of Clothes: the Language of Fashion in the Russian Silent Cinema

Natalia Skorokhod (Russian State Institute of Performing Arts) The New Woman as a Dramatic Character in Leonid Andeev's Works for Film and Stage

**Clea Wanner** (University of Basel) Naturshchitsa in Cinema. From Posing to Acting

#### Saturday, 3 September

9:30 – 11:00 Second keynote

**Peter Bagrov** (George Eastman Museum) "Male" and "Female" Professions in Russian Cinema

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee-break

11:20 – 13:10 Panel 6. Case Studies Chair: **Tatjana Simeunović** 

#### **Ekaterina Tarasova**

(Higher School of Economics, Moscow) Countess Sophia Tolstaya On- and Off-Screen

#### Anna Kovalova

(European University of St. Petersburg) The Tsarina of Early Russian Cinema. New Notes on Antonina Khanzhonkova

**Natalia Noussinova** (The Moscow Film School / Università per Stranieri di Siena): The New Women of Ladislas Starewitch: Off- and On-Screen 13:10 – 14:40 Lunch

14:40 - 16:30

Panel 7. The New Woman from the 1910s to the 1920s

Chair: Adna Ruhotina

#### Elizaveta Zhdankova

(European University at St. Petersburg) "How Long Have You Been Working at the Movie Theater?": Comparison of the Experiences of Female Workers in the 1920s and 1910s

**Iryna Marholina** (independent scholar) Representation of Protagonists in the Serial Queen Melodramas, and the Transposition of the Genre within the Soviet Films of the 1920s

Luke Parker (Amherst College) The New Woman in Exile: Moscow–Berlin–Hollywood

#### The conference is open to the public.

Venue: Universität Basel, Nadelberg 6, 4051 Basel

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Image: Film still from Poet i padshaya dusha (1918, dir. Boris Chaikovskii), Gosfilmofond

# **FILM PROGRAMME**

## Thursday, 1 September

18:45 Stadtkino Basel

#### The Isle of the Dead

(1992, Oleg Kovalov) with an introduction by the director Oleg Kovalov. Reception after the screening

## Friday, September 2

16:30 – 18:20 University of Basel **Women Behind the Scenes** 

**Shadows of Sin** (1915, Piotr Chardynin) Screenplay by Maria Kallash-Garris

Wild Force (1916, Boris Chaikovskii) Screenplay by Anna Mar

**Student Tania Skvortsova** (1916, Nikandr Turkin) Screenplay by Rovdo

and other films

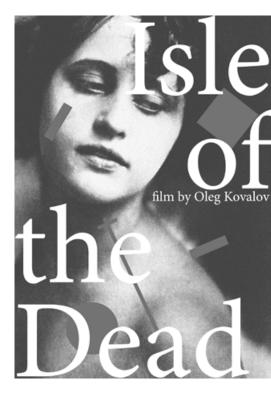
20:30 Stadtkino Basel

**Satan Triumphant** (1917, Yakov Protazanov) Screenplay by Olga Blazhevich Live music by PURPURA/Ponomarev

#### Saturday, 3 September

17:00 –19:00 University of Basel

**The Woman of Tomorrow** episodes 1 and 2 (1914-1915, Piotr Chardynin)



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