

## Summaries

Monica Fioravanzo, *Perceiving and measuring change. Society, family, gender roles in surveys on both sides of the Wall (1955-1972)*

Through the reading, analysis and comparison of some of the major opinion polls conducted in the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic between the late 1950s and early 1970s, this article investigates the nature and extent of the changes taking place in the family, gender roles and the status of women in the two Germanys. The focus is not only on the results and responses given, but also on the nature of the questions asked, in order to understand the orientation and aims of those who conducted the surveys. The comparison between the surveys on either side of the Wall allows us to identify changes and continuities both in the status of women and in the common perception of it.

*Keywords:* gender history, opinion polls, Federal Republic of Germany vs German Democratic Republic, Cold War, 1960s

Karin Aleksander, Heike Schimkat, *Women's biographies from the GDR in the international interview project Women's Memory*

The international biography project Women's Memory contains a pool of interviews with women who lived the longest period of their lives under socialism in various Eastern European countries around the turn of the millennium, including 130 interviews with women from the Gdr about their careers, everyday life and how they dealt with the upheavals from 1989 onwards. The subjective reconstruction of life and contemporary history from the perspective of three generations of women is a resource for biographical, transformation, democracy research and gender studies, especially for women's history in the asymmetrical history of German-German interdependence and its representation in media discourses.

*Keywords:* women's biography, 20th century, socialism, Frg-Gdr history, media discourse, transformation, gender relations

Lorenza Perini, *Women as Seen by Men: The Doxa-Shell Survey in Italy (1973)*

This research examines significant issues surrounding the representation of the "discovery" of

female sexuality as a public debate topic in Italy during the early 1970s. It analyzes a survey conducted in 1973 by the Doxa-Shell Institute, which explored the habits, choices, and “sexual customs” of women across the country. The goal is to illustrate that, despite the media’s increasing focus on women as news subjects and the survey’s potential to give a voice to participants, the interpretation of the collected data failed to fully capture the extent of the cultural and social changes affecting women’s bodies during this pivotal period in Italian history.

*Keywords:* Womens, Survey, sexuality, stereotypes, media

Maria Pia Casalena, *For a Republican Risorgimento: Bruno Di Porto’s works in the 1960s and 1970s*

Bruno Di Porto was the most prolific contributor to the *Dizionario Biografico degli Italiani*, writing 34 entries on the history of the Risorgimento during the tenure of Alberto Maria Ghisalberti. A Jewish Republican, Di Porto made a significant contribution to the post-war effort to rebuild the history and memory of the Risorgimento. The article explores his output in the 1960s and 1970s, reconstructing the unfairly forgotten legacy of a rigorous historian driven by a strong civic passion.

*Keywords:* Bruno Di Porto, history of the Risorgimento, Italian Republican Party, biography

Roberto Tesei, *“Al di là del guado”. Europeanism, social democracy, and political culture between Pci and Pds*

The article reconstructs the transition of the Italian Communist Party (Pci) towards a pro-European political culture and adherence to democratic socialism between 1986 and 1992. Through the analysis of documents from various archival collections, together with international relations material and political elaborations, it examines the stages that led the Pci – and subsequently the Democratic Party of the Left (Pds) – to redefine its position within the European context, against the background of the end of the Cold War, the crisis of actually existing socialism, and the transformation of Western social democracies.

*Keywords:* Pci, Pds, Socialist International, social democracy, Europeanism, European integration