

Veranstalter.....	PD Dr. Monika Pietrzak-Franger
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Course description: Victorian Women Novelists



Male writers could study their craft in university or coffee house [...]. But women through most of the 19th century were barred from the universities, isolated in their own homes, chaperoned in travel, painfully restricted in friendship. The normal literary life was closed to them. Without it, they studied with a special closeness the works written by their own sex, and relied on a sense of easy, almost rude familiarity with the women who wrote them. (Moers 1972: 28)

This seminar introduces students to the variety of concerns, genres and forms that characterized nineteenth century female writing. The selection of novels has been made to offer a broad spectrum of interests: from the debates about the growing impact of industrialization, capitalism and urbanization on women's lives, to such themes as authorship, marriage and women's health, sexuality and venereal diseases, heredity, class, work and the future of Europe, etc.

In this seminar, we will consider the writings of e.g. Mary Wollstonecraft, Harriet Martineau and John Stuart Mill along with the texts of the late nineteenth century suffragettes as a background for the discussion of the novels. We will also look at periodicals for women and didactic publications as a way of contextualizing our debates.

Please purchase and read (if possible, please get these particular editions):

- Gaskell, Elizabeth. *Cranford*. London: Penguin Classics, 2012.
- Grand, Sarah. *The Heavenly Twins*. Ann Arbor Paperbacks, 1992.
- Levy, Amy. *The Romance of a Shop*. London: Broadview, 2006.

Further required readings and viewings will be announced during the first session.

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