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CALL FOR PAPERS
WOMEN IN GERMAN PROGRAM
Modern Language Association Annual Meeting
December 27-30, 1983
New York, New York

WOMEN MAKING LITERARY HISTORY:
THE NEW GENERATION OF WOMEN WRITERS
IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The theme for the regularly-scheduled sessions to be sponsored by Women in German at the 1983 centennial meeting of the MLA is "Women and Literary History." At this session, we are interested in examining a generation of writers who are still generally too young to be included in the retrospective of literary history. What kind of literary history is now being made by the first generation of women who - unlike the more well-known Christa Wolf, Irmtraud Morgner, Sarah Kirsch - have grown up in the socialist GDR? This group would include, but is not limited to, writers such as Daniela Bahn, Helga Köhndorf, Monika Maron, Doris Paschiller, Christine Wolter, and Rosemarie Zeplin. How are their experiences and expectations translated into literary expression, both in content and form? To what political and social phenomenon do they respond? Have they succeeded in finding a "female voice"? How do their works fit into the larger context of GDR literary history? What sort of resonance do they have within and beyond their own society? What has been the critical response to their works?

We welcome papers 10-12 pages in length dealing with any aspect of literature by GDR women writers born since about 1940, including theoretical approaches. Please submit one copy of your paper or abstract to each of the following:

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Deadline for 1-2 page proposals: March 1, 1983

EIGHTH ANNUAL EUROPEAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

The Eighth Annual European Studies Conference will be held October 6 - 8, 1983, at Omaha, Nebraska. Contact Julia Curtis, Dept. of Dramatic Arts, or Karen Soukup, Dept. of Foreign Languages, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.