

Abstract

Feminism and emancipation at the threshold of the 20th century

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This PhD thesis deals with feminism and women's emancipation in Prague at the threshold of the 20th century. This work is a case study, based mainly on the biographical method. It is a concrete contribution to the history of emancipation and women's issues. The aim is to contribute to understanding the development of the women's movement in the Czech region on the border of the 19th and 20th century in a particular situation. Matter of this thesis is conceived as two case studies of two little-known personalities of the women's movement, their life and work today: a teacher and writer Anna Rehakova and writer and publicist Vlasta Pittnerová. The author conducted an analysis of the archival materials, memoirs, and inheritances, the sources of contemporary women's own literary press and publications of both protagonists examined, as well as specialized books on the matter. On the basis of their work author demonstrates the development process in the women's movement, views the women and their fate. All of this, based on an example of life circumstances, attitudes and beliefs, as well as the formation of these two personalities not quite typical, active and taking part in the stream of Czech women's movement. The work also describes the emerging phenomena of the time in the women's movement, focused on their historical background, documents and reflection period for women's literature.