

PREFACE

Dear Reader, you are browsing the second issue of the eighth volume of *TNTeF: Interdisciplinary eJournal of Gender Studies*. The Fall issue is traditionally a selection of the papers that we receive or request from prospective authors as well as the Students' Work, Forum, and Translation sections that are not part of the Spring issue. For those readers interested in the changes of the popularity of the journal, as well as for historic record and comparative information, the counter of the journal's homepage reads 31.545 — not including direct access to individual contributions. Thank you, for your ongoing interest!

The issue continues our tradition of providing a diverse representation of achievements in the various feminist scholarly fields of social sciences and humanities. The current collection of articles is especially important for the discussion of key moments in the history of Hungarian women's activism. This contextualization has sadly gained a particular relevance in the current political struggles for the survival of Gender Studies in Hungarian Academia. We have published an article by Judit Acsády and Zsolt Mészáros on networking in the first Feminist Association that cut across women's class and regional differences. We have also decided to reprint Eszter Zsófia Tóth's study on women's role in the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 from her 2010 book *Kádár's Daughters*, a most important work that is out of print today.

At the end of the timeframe of the history covered in this issue, there is the critique of the ideology of the most recent Government document that is part of the series of their so-called national consultations, this time on the "protection of the family" by Ágnes Kövér-Van Til, who has been Director of the Gender Studies MA Program at the School of Social Science, ELTE, Budapest since its introduction in 2015. Our decision to request and publish the study is meant to acknowledge the great work that our colleagues have done in the program and to express our solidarity and give voice to our disagreement with the Hungarian Government's decision to repeal the accreditation of the MA degree, violating our constitutional right to academic freedom.

The untenability of the Government's argumentation against Gender Studies by appeal to so-called Christian values is discredited by Lynsay Downs, who is a priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church and, proudly, an ex-Erasmus student of our Institute in Szeged.

In the TRANSLATION column we continue the historical overview by Ildikó Asztalos Morell's study of the representation of Hungarian women in women's magazines under state socialism — originally published in Swedish in 2013. We are grateful for her generosity and commitment to providing access to her work for the *TNTeF* Readers.

Finally, let me draw your attention to the interview in the FORUM column that we made with Edit Zsadányi, who won the Hungarian Academy of Science's Edit Endrődy Prize in 2018. We turn to her exemplary work for inspiration in these hard times of struggle.

We would also like to thank Péter Simon for the cover photo he kindly donated to us.

Translations, original studies, and responses to publications in our back issues in line with our Editorial objectives are welcome ([TNTeF eMail](#)). If you would like us to consider your work for review, please contact our Review Editor, Andrea Tóth ([eMail](#)), and the appropriate copies of publications (books or special journal issues) should be sent to our postal address (Erzsébet Barát, 6722 Szeged, Egyetem u. 2. Hungary).

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