

DHA Podcast Episode 40: An Introduction to the History of Disability in Eastern Europe

Episode Description:

This episode introduces listeners to the history of disability in the diverse region commonly known as Eastern Europe. In discussion with disability historians of Eastern Europe Maria Bucur, Frances Bernstein, Maria Cristina Galmarini, and Magdalena Zdrodowska, guest host Isabelle Avakumovic-Pointon examines the past, present, and future of scholarship on disability in the history of Eastern Europe, as well as some of the particularities and challenges of studying disability history in Eastern European contexts.

Key words: disability, disabilities, cross-disability, gender, minorities, ethnicity, sexuality, medicine, Russia, Eastern Europe, Romania, Poland, Soviet Union, blind, d/Deaf, activism, Cold War.

Content Warnings: ableism, sexism, institutionalization, sexual violence, death, war.

Show Notes:

- Episode Guests:
 - Maria Bucur: https://history.indiana.edu/faculty_staff/faculty/bucur_maria.html
 - Frances Bernstein: <https://drew.edu/history-department/about-us/our-faculty/>
 - Maria Cristina Galmarini: https://www.wm.edu/as/history/faculty/galmarini-kabala_m.php
 - Magdalena Zdrodowska: <https://magdalenazdrodowska.wordpress.com/>
- Other Scholars referenced:
 - Keith Hitchens: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keith_Hitchens
 - Radu Harald Dinu: <https://ju.se/personinfo.html?sign=dinrad>
 - Claire L. Shaw: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/people/staff_index/shaw
 - Victoria Schmidt: <https://geschichte.uni-graz.at/en/suedost/staff/victoria-schmidt/>
- Resources:
 - Disability Studies in Eastern Europe – Reconfigurations Website: <https://disability-in-easteurope.project.uj.edu.pl/about>