

2018 Mary Zirin Prize

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies is pleased to announce Iva Glisic as the 2018 recipient of the Mary Zirin Prize for independent scholarship.

Dr. Iva Glisic is a historian of Russia and the Balkans who examines the history of radical ideas, and the relationship between avant-garde art, politics and ideology in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Her work also contributes to the fields of oral history, memory politics and archival theory.

Since obtaining her PhD in Russian History from the University of Western Australia (UWA), she has served as a Postdoctoral Fellow within the Institute for Eastern European History and Area Studies at the University of Tübingen, and a Lecturer and Research Associate at UWA and Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. Alongside her continuing research, Dr. Glisic serves as a researcher for the Australian Academy of the Humanities in Canberra, contributing to a project on the future of Australia's humanities workforce.

With her first book, *The Futurist Files: Avant-Garde, Politics, and Ideology in Russia, 1905-1930* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2018), Dr. Glisic breaks new ground in the fields of history and art history by investigating the transfer of Italian Futurism to Russia, and the evolution of Futurist ideas within the Russian context. Her recent examination of how contemporary Russian artists have (re)used radical creative practices to challenge and disrupt the official political and ideological discourse has attracted widespread interest, and established Dr. Glisic as a leading Australian authority on Russian contemporary activist art. She worked with members of Pussy Riot during the 2017 Dark MOFO festival in Hobart, Tasmania, and moderated their public discussion at the festival.

The Zirin Committee takes particular note of Dr. Glisic's invitation to serve as co-convener of the Australian Women's History Network (AWHN). By working to promote and support the work of female historians in the critical early stage of their careers, she aims to reverse the recent trend of a diminution in the number of women remaining in academia and reaching senior positions in Australia.

Please join us in congratulating Iva Glisic, an outstanding independent scholar and this year's recipient of the Mary Zirin Prize.

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