Women and Parapsychology 2022

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Call for Papers

In 1991, a conference of the Parapsychology Foundation took place with the title Women and Parapsychology dealing with several aspects of women in the research area of parapsychology. It addressed scientific career, publication of articles, contributions to and experiences in the field made by women, women’s role in the history of parapsychology and questions of feminist approaches to psi research. This event resulted in a proceedings edited by Lisette Coly and Rhea White (1994), which contains the papers and discussions from the conference. Caroline Watt wrote in an essay review of the proceedings that she “got the impression that the participants [of the conference] were still at the stage of organising their thoughts” (ibid.: 92).

Thirty years later, it seems like a good time to revisit this important topic and ask about the current trends and progress of women in parapsychology. The editor-in-chief of the Journal of Anomalistics, Gerhard Mayer, has dedicated a special issue of the journal to this topic and asked us to serve as guest editors. In this role, we invite you to submit abstracts for articles on the topic of „Women and Parapsychology“. We would like to take an interdisciplinary perspective with this issue. The subjects of the papers, all related to women and parapsychology, might include:

• historical research
• sociological research
• cultural impact and belief
• qualitative research
• quantitative research
• spontaneous case research
• clinical research and counseling
• experimental research
• progress in the field, comparison with that of 30 years earlier
• comparison of women in parapsychology and women in other fields of science
• women in skeptics associations such as the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI)
• where we want to be in 30 years
In contrast to the 1991 conference, to which only a few men attended as observers, this CfP is not exclusive, i.e. not only addressed to women. If you are interested to contribute to this special issue, please send an abstract of 300-500 words, along with contact information, to

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After a pre-screening, we will invite the chosen authors to submit a full paper with not more than 10,000 words. Papers will be peer-reviewed. The language of the papers is English.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts will be **February 28, 2022**.

The deadline for the submission of full papers will be **June 30, 2022**

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