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## MEMORY AS AN EMANCIPATORY ALTERNATIVE TRADITION

Keeping and cherishing the memory of events and actors significant for women's history is never neutral, because it provides arguments on who has the right to be a hero, who is included in textbooks, whose name is given to the streets, who symbolizes a desirable future. Remembrance of them reminds us that women's rights (education, labour rights, right to vote, reproductive rights, right to safety) are not gifts by the state, but were won by women who carried weapons in the Second World War, and after the War led a political, legal and social struggle for a better society and women's rights in it. They believed in a society without the privileged, that work has dignity, and that education and health are public goods.

To remember prominent women from the partisan past is important today, because they prove that women have a historical basis for political and social strength, that fascism is a crime. By preserving that memory, we preserve the possibility of a different, fairer, more open future. This is especially important at the current times of the growing influence of the global right and renewed insistence on attempts to erase the differences between the categories of sex and gender. They continue to represent a model of irreconcilability and an incentive for all those who fight against (gender) stereotypes, prejudices, anthropological reductionism and the denial of women's rights.

In Yugoslavia, during the Second World War, more than 100,000 women participated in the partisan movement — as fighters, couriers, medics, organizers of uprisings, political leaders and revolutionaries, often becoming victims of the terror of the occupiers and their domestic collaborators. Many are remembered as key figures of the anti-fascist resistance.

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