**Call for Papers for the AWSS 2026 Biennial Conference:**

**Creating under Constraint:**

**Gender in Politics, History, Culture, Literature, Social Change**

**May 21-23, 2026**

**Art Academy of Latvia- Latvijas Mākslas akadēmija**

**Riga, Latvia**

**The Association for Women in Slavic Studies invites proposals from scholars in all disciplines for its 2026 biennial conference to be held in Riga, Latvia.**

**We welcome proposals on research that resonates with AWSS’s mission to expand the public understanding about women, gender, and sexuality in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia and/ or to challenge sexist, homophobic, transphobic, racist, classist, ableist, and ageist structures that reproduce injustice in this region.**

Proposals that address the conference theme, Creating Under Constraint, are especially welcomed. We hope to spotlight discussions about the many ways that creativity, broadly construed, provides responses to historical and contemporary political upheavals, war and atrocity, repression, censorship, and the like. Topics may include theater, music, oral narratives, literature, performance protest, design, photography, computer graphics, academic research, and other genres of creative expression. We also welcome discussions about the process of de-colonizing knowledge and pedagogy.

**TO APPLY: Submit a proposal, including a title and an abstract of 225 words or less that outlines the paper, and a short CV (max. 3 pages). Please ensure that your abstract includes some details about your disciplinary methodologies or how your proposed paper bridges existing approaches. Submit your proposal to** **president.awss@gmail.com** **by December 2, 2025.**

***Some modest funds will be available to help offset the costs of travel for graduate students and precarious scholars. Information about applying for these funds will be available in January, 2026*.**