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PUBLIC LECTURE

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THE DE-MASCULINIZATION PROCESS.

OUTLINE OF THE LONG-TERM TRANSFORMATION OF WESTERN MASCULINITIES

The aim of the lecture is to confute the main statement of Pierre Bourdieu's book entitled *Masculine Domination* according to which „the continuity of relationships is obscured by obvious changes in circumstances”, i.e. by the fact that during the last millennium the „structure of differences” between men and women has not been altered. During the last five hundred years the crystallised patterns of male dominance have significantly changed in the western world. From the Middle Ages to the 20th century a well identifiable, successive relational system of hegemonic masculine disposition tightly related to social realignments had developed, which gave birth to more and more complex formations. The lecture will summarise the main elements of the theoretical references, the structurally determined main elements of the hegemonic form of attitude in the Middle Ages, i.e. knightly masculinity and the dynamics of changes in masculine tendencies in the long run.