Contrary to many movements in the history of philosophy, the “Phenomenological Movement” has from its beginnings included numerous female philosophers. They contributed substantially to the phenomenological project by developing outstanding philosophical accounts and addressing problems, which remain relevant until today. Phenomenology’s exceptionally modern outlook, not to let oneself be influenced by traditional authorities, but rather to only receive guidance from “the things themselves”, allowed its female proponents to achieve a position in the academic world few women could enjoy at the time. From today’s perspective, the most noteworthy issues that some of the prominent female phenomenologists elaborated on fall under the scope of what one would label social ontology and political philosophy.

The conference will investigate specifically the contribution of women phenomenologists in this field. The program focuses on, but is not restricted to, the following philosophers: Edith Stein, Hedwig Conrad-Martius and Gerda Walther.

**Thursday, February 11th**

Room L1.202

**13.00**  
*Welcome and Opening*  
Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Luft, Paderborn University

**13.30**  
*Prof. Dr. Antonio Calcagno, Western University, Canada:*  
Edith Stein and Gerda Walther: The Role of Empathy in Experiencing Community

**14.30**  
*Prof. Dr. Sara Heinämaa, University of Jyväskylä, Finland:*  
Simone de Beauvoir on Sexual Difference

**15.30**  
*Coffee Break*

**16.00**  
*Prof. Dr. Ronny Miron, Bar-Ilan University, Israel:*  
The Self of Reality - A Metaphysical Commentary on Hedwig Conrad-Martius’ Idea of the Internality of Being

**17.00**  
*Dr. Anna Jani, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary:*  
The Ontic-Ontological Aspects in Edith Stein’s Contribution to the Social Life

**18.00**  
*Dr. Michela Summa, University of Würzburg, Germany:*  
Empathy and Anti-Empathy. Which are the Problems?

*Dinner at Leisure*
Friday, February 12th
Room L1.201 / L1.202

9.00  Welcome and Coffee

9.30  Prof. Dr. Sigridur Thorgeirsdottir, University of Iceland, University of Helsinki, Finland:
Gerda Walther’s Social Ontology and the Relations of the Sexes

10.30 Prof. Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid, University of Vienna, Austria:
Gerda Walther’s ‘Copernican Turn’ in Social Ontology

11.30  Lunch Break

13.00 Dr. Alessandro Salice, University College Cork, Ireland:
Edith Stein and Gerda Walther on Experiential Sharing

14.00 Dr. Thomas Szanto, University of Copenhagen, Denmark:
Stein and Walther on Shared Experiences: A Critical Comparison

15.00  Coffee Break

15.30 Prof. Dr. Julia Jansen, KU Leuven, Belgium:
Social Ontology and Phenomenology:
Methodological Reflections with Gerda Walther and Edith Stein

16.30 Prof. Dr. Sebastian Luft, Marquette University, USA/ Paderborn University:
Do We-Experiences Require an Intentional Object? On the Nature of Reflective Communities

17.30 End of the Conference

19.00 Conference Dinner at Restaurant Bobberts

The event is followed by the Graduate Conference “Women Phenomenologists on Social Ontology” on Saturday, February 13th 2016.

For more details, please see upb.de/women-in-phenomenology.