

# KVINNSAM



National Resource Library for Gender Studies, Sweden

## International resources

### Manuscript collections

The KvinnSam manuscript collection include handwritten manuscripts and other source material, dating primarily from the first half of the 20th century.

The manuscript collection holds archives where you can find letters, photographs, diaries, manuscripts etc. collected by and about women, such as the collections of the member of the Swedish Academy Elin Wägner and many other Swedish pioneers in politics, media and art.

The manuscript collection also holds minutes, accounts and annual reports from women's associations, such as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

### The Biographical Dictionary of Swedish Women (SKBL) [www.skbl.se](http://www.skbl.se)

Why is so little known of female artists, scientists, politicians, and so forth? This is one of the first questions which arises whenever any kind of history is about to be written. One of the reasons for this is that historiography relies on existing biographical dictionaries, most of which contain very few entries for women. The Biographical Dictionary of Swedish Women (SKBL) resolves this dilemma by providing free (CC-BY licensed) access to 1000 biographies of women who actively contributed to Swedish society.

### Historical Portals

Historical portals written by scholars on Swedish women's history, such as Swedish Women's Struggle for Suffrage, Women's Struggle for Knowledge, Women at Work, Women and Peace, Love, Power and Sisterhood and Historical Swedish Periodicals for Women.

### Notable Years

Use our list of notable years regarding women's history and equality in Sweden for learning more about Swedish women's history.

## International projects

### The History of Nordic Women's Literature

#### [nordicwomensliterature.net](http://nordicwomensliterature.net)

Keep up to date with the latest currents in Nordic women's literature, and at the same time become well acquainted with over one thousand years of women's literary history in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and the Åland Islands – all in articles written by leading scholars.

Contains articles on more than 800 authors from the Nordic countries. They are written by researchers and deals with women authors, from the Icelandic Sagas up til the 1990s.

### EIGE Gender Equality - European database

#### [www.eige.europa.eu](http://www.eige.europa.eu)

Contains resources on gender-based violence, gender and media, gender and climate change, men and gender equality, gender mainstreaming and work-life balance. The more than 240 000 references are collected from libraries and documentation centres in fourteen EU countries, among them KvinnSam. The project has been led by the European Institute for Gender Equality in Vilnius, Lithuania.

### FRAGEN - feminist texts

#### [www.fragen.nu](http://www.fragen.nu)

FRAGEN database contains texts from the second wave of feminism. Here you will find books, articles and pamphlets from 29 European countries, all of them in full text.

Researchers have selected ten texts from each country. Thus, the database contains almost 300 core texts. Making this information available will allow for comparative research into the history of feminist ideas in different European countries. It is also a great opportunity for every one interested in women's history to take part of important sources.

## KvinnSam's databases

### Database KVINNSAM

The most comprehensive database on women's history and gender studies in Scandinavia, consisting of more than 150 000 references to literature in the collections of Gothenburg University Library. English is the predominant language.

### Database GREDA and GENA

Databases on Swedish gender researchers and dissertations within women's studies, men's studies and gender research in Sweden.

## Who are we?

KvinnSam is a National Resource Library for Gender Studies and university-wide research infrastructure at Gothenburg University, Sweden.

The main tasks of KvinnSam are surveying and cataloguing literature on gender issues, and compiling and cataloguing manuscript material on women's history, as well as providing reference services.

## Our history

KvinnSam was founded in 1958 as a private initiative by the librarians Asta Ekenvall and Rosa Malmström with Eva Pineus, with the aim to collect and catalogue publications on Women's history and facilitate future research on the subject. In 1971 KvinnSam became part of Gothenburg University Library.

In April 2018, KvinnSam was declared a university-wide research infrastructure at Gothenburg University.

During its more than sixty years of existence, KvinnSam has developed into the most comprehensive library for gender research in the Nordic countries. An important part of its activities is cooperation with other institutions in Sweden and abroad.

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