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the seminar “The European Leviathan – Medical Anthropology”

**INVITATION**

**Seminar 11 (in Bulgarian):**

**THE "MODERNISATION" OF THE MENSTRUATING FEMALE BODY DURING THE  
PERIOD OF STATE SOCIALISM**

**15 December 2022,  
14.00-16.00, hall 204, „Moskovska“ street 6A**

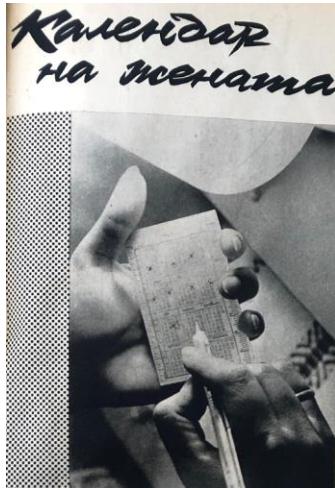
**Annotation:** The research is based on a survey of a corpus of popular science and medical series, health education literature, regulatory documents and personal narratives related to the topic of menstruation and covering the period of state socialism. On this basis are analyzed medical, educational, scientific and popular scientific aspects, as well as demographic biopolitics which shape the norms of behavior, practices and health criteria of the menstruating female body. The focus of the study is precisely the topic of menstruation and its sociocultural construction vertically



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– from state and administrative power, institutions and biomedicine to the women, with their bodily and subjective experiences. The desire to "manage" and use as fully as possible women's fertile and work abilities enforces a "modernisation" of the physiological process by correcting personal behavior, hygiene norms and health status.

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**Link for online participation:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89680986849?pwd=Z0s2TU1pWkZZdHRLR2JIY25WTDVPZz09>

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<https://leviathan-europe.eu/>

<https://medicalanthropologybg.com/>