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Nordic women and Cold War encounters: peace and women's rights in the WIDF's work

Bakgrund/Frågeställning

This presentation is dedicated to the work of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF) – transnational organization created in 1945 in Paris and known as a supporter of the “Soviet bloc”. Using the WIDF official periodical publications and archival materials preserved in Moscow, Gothenburg and Copenhagen, I explore how the Federation presented itself as defender of peace and women's rights during the Cold War. I am particularly interested in Nordic women's participation in the work of the Federation and the Soviet influence. Special attention is paid to the period of war in Korea as well as to the participation of the WIDF's Nordic representatives in the work for peace in the 1980s. In order to explore Cold War divisions and conflicts between Nordic female peace activists, I also use some materials of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom' (WILPF) chapters in Sweden and Denmark.

Metod och Resultat

Konklusion