ABSTRACT

ATTITUDES OF MALE AND FEMALE STUDENTS AT THE FACULTIES OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

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Within the framework of the research project Women's/Gender Studies – Integration within the Croatian University System, which was conducted by the Centre for Women's Studies – Zagreb, attempts were made to investigate the attitudes and knowledge of the student population at the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb regarding Women's Studies and gender equality at the University. The researchers were interested in finding out how the student population perceived the importance of Women's/Gender Studies and how well they were informed about it.

During October 2001, 125 female and male students in their junior and senior years were surveyed. Among the series of interpretations obtained from the data, the following framework emerged: the student population is mainly unacquainted with the particulars of the scientific notions of Women's Studies. They did, however, recognize the need to deal with the topic of equality within vary departmental programs. Students gave negative estimation regarding the opening of such studies in Croatia in the near future, but 68% of them see the necessity of integrating Women's Studies within the Croatian university system.

In this presentation the data, results, and analysis will be provided of the yet another compelling argument, particularly for the negotiation process, why it is so crucial to integrate Women's/Gender Studies into the Croatian university system.

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