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This dossier intends to focus on the presence of women in the periodical colonial press, understood as a multiform and multi-located archive which includes both the periodicals published in the former Portuguese colonies and those published in the metropolis on colonial themes. It is an archive that produces a ‘discourse network’ (Helgesson, 2011) and ‘co-histories’ (Codell, 2003), but also silences and omissions that still need to be highlighted. In the context of cultural memory studies, the concept of ‘archive’ translates into ‘storage memory’. For Assmann (2011), the storage contains forgotten elements of history which are not used at a given moment but constitute a reservoir of knowledge that can be harnessed for a change or renewal of the current ‘functional memory’, which is conditioned by the existing structures of power. In this sense, we want to question the extent to which the study of the presence of women in the colonial periodical press can contribute to the creation of a diversified, more inclusive or even counterhegemonic ‘functional memory’. Our aim also consists in questioning, in this archive, the opacity of the concept of ‘women’ as a unitary sociological subject, especially when it is applied to the colonial context, where differences in class, race and ethnicity markedly represent political and ideological representations, discourses and positions (Midgley, 1998; Levine, 2004).

As for the participation of women in the periodical press within the space that was considered the Portuguese empire, the existing studies have focused mainly on the literary collaboration of prominent voices of the lusophone literatures emerged in the colonial times (Owen, 2007, Mendonça, 1989). However, the collaboration of women in the so-called ‘Feminine Pages’ or ‘Women's Pages’, as well as in other areas and matters, remains to be explored in a more systematic way. In these pages the categories gender, class and race, the ideas of civilization and modernity (Havstad, 2016) as well as local and/or national traditions and values are negotiated within various topics. Some of these topics are traditionally associated with the ‘feminine’ world: literature, education, hygiene, domestic care, cooking, fashion, etc. Besides, these pages negotiate reproductions and/or contestations of the colonial discourse, producing ambivalent positions and both individual and collective narratives.

Some of the relevant topics are related to the following questions: What role did the colonial press confer to women as active collaborators and how were domestic, economic, political and intellectual activities evaluated by women? Which places were reserved for them and which were difficult to access? Given that a significant part of the collaboration in the colonial press came from middle-class white women, how was the ‘white woman's burden’ equated (Burton, 1990) and how were the different racialized constructions of women represented?

Through case studies or broader reflections, we intend to place the analysis of the presence of women in the periodical colonial press in an area of intersection between the studies on colonialism and gender and women’s studies. In addition, and given the scarcity of studies carried out so far on women in the colonial press of the former Portuguese empire (Havstad 2016; Owen 2007), the dossier also aims to stimulate comparative approaches with studies on women in the colonial press of other linguistic contexts such as English-speaking, French-speaking or Hispanic. May the attached bibliography serve as a first source of inspiration or support in this regard.

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