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ABSTRACT

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The 1940's decade as a starting point for understanding the borders and the boundaries of Greek women's political action in the post-war period

The 1940's decade was crucial for Greece. World War II (1940-1944) and the Civil War (1946-1949), which took place in the framework of the Cold War, rushed the social reforms, which had started in the Middle war period. In the 40s, women's presence was intense both in political and military level, even women had the legal status of minors. Nevertheless, the armed conflict lasted three years its consequences, due to the Cold War, lasted almost 40 years. This fact defined the public arena as well as women's participation in it.

The paper based on archival and oral sources tries to explore the conditions, the borders and the boundaries of women's participation in the public sphere during the Albanian war (1940-1941), Occupation and Resistance (1941-1944) till the end of the armed conflict (1949). It insists that Greek women's political action almost until the end of the 20th century were sealed by the borders and the boundaries which had been posed during the 40s. Moreover, the memory of the 40's defined not only the public domain in general but also women's political roles.