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WORKING SESSION 1

Approaching Missionary Activity in Micronesia as a Genderized Phenomena

In 1927 a group of religious women left the town of Berriz in the Basque country in Spain and headed to Micronesia. Saipan became their destination. But why and how did the sisters become involved in this adventure? The paper explores the historical, political, religious, social and cultural background in the country of origin in order to understand the relevance and daring of the decision the sisters made. The paper is part of a large project to study christianization in Micronesia within the framework of feminist anthropology.

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