**Female Builders and Strike Workers: Powerful Women under the Supervision of**

**Officials**

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**Abstract**

The book by Jana Oravcová *Powerful Women or Women of Power?* uncovers the power practices that, from the beginning, shaped the understanding of gender relations in the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia. Some of the ideological mechanisms unveiled therein also reveal the origin of today’s Czech and Slovak specifics of the approach to feminist and gender equality issues.

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