

Robes politiques – Women Power Fashion

Robes politiques - an exhibition on women, power and fashion, on view at the Textile Museum St.Gallen from 19 March 2021 to 6 February 2022.

50 years of voting rights for women in Switzerland: On the occasion of the anniversary, the textile museum presents costumes and accessories from the period from 1600 to the present day that symbolise women's claim to power and female representation of power against a backdrop of changing society, politics and fashion.

The exhibition 'Robes politiques' focuses on the public perception of important women, whose appearance on the political stage then and now was and is met not only with applause, but often with criticism (of style), too.

Conceptually, the exhibition is theme-based in approach, without chronological ordering. The clothing of influential women is examined in six chapters from various viewpoints. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, First Lady Jacky Kennedy, Empress Sissi and the last Empress of France, Eugénie de Montijo, are represented. Swiss politicians such as Elisabeth Kopp, Doris Leuthard and Karin Keller-Sutter also show selected items of clothing from their private collections.

Fifty textile objects illustrate the tension between femininity and a position of power, between scandal and idealisation, between populism and representation, demonstrating how clothing is deployed for strategic purposes. The specific examples from various centuries and countries reveal continuous elements, developments and changes.

The exhibition "Robes politiques - Women Power Fashion", which will be shown at the Textilmuseum St.Gallen from 19 March 2021 to 6 February 2022 inclusive, is part of the cooperation "50 Years of Women's Suffrage and Voting Rights - Exhibitions and More".

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