

In Milada Paulová (1891-1970) - The story of the first female docent in Czechoslovakia in 1925 I have tried to present among Czech thinkers a relatively unknown female university professor and scholar whose interests were the Byzantine Empire and the recent history of South Eastern Europe. This study focuses on Milada Paulova's long and difficult academic path.

Milada Paulova was born in 1891 in the North Bohemian village of Loukov. Her father, František Paul, was an officer and later became the director of a sugarcane factory in Darenice. After its unfortunate bankruptcy and his subsequent nervous breakdown the family moved to Prague where Milada Paulova finished her primary school studies. She was raised by father because her mother died when she was three years old. In Prague she finished her high school studies at the teachers' school for girls. As the final exam wasn't recognized for entering university she, along with Albína Dratvová, who also later became docent, studied at home for the final exam at grammar school. Both of them passed this exam at Prague grammar school (Akademické gymnázium).