



CALL FOR PAPERS

Women in the History of Political Thought (WHPT) Conference 7-9 May 2025, Ghent (Belgium)

We hereby warmly invite scholars who work on women's contributions to the history of political thought, broadly construed, to apply to deliver a paper for the upcoming WHPT Conference.

The conference aims to bring scholars of political theory and related disciplines (e.g. political science, history, political philosophy) who work on women in the history of political thought together in order to foster new intersections and to inspire new research. We are open to topics on women's contributions to the history of political thought from any region of the world or time period before the mid-twentieth century. We welcome a wide range of genres of women's writing on political themes, including but not limited to novels, pamphlets, letters, and advice books.

The conference will span three days and takes place at "Het Rustpunt", a beautiful seventeenth-century monastery in the city center of Ghent. Meals will be held onsite, except for conference dinners on the evening of May 7 and 8, which will be held at nearby restaurants.

Speakers will consist of a mix of early career and established scholars, including advanced doctoral students. Papers will be organized thematically into panels, with time for presentations and Q&A.

The conference is made possible by support from Ghent University, University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, the Social Sciences, and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Jyväskylä University.

Abstracts should be 300-500 words and should be submitted, along with CV and identifying information (name, institution, position) to womeninhpt@gmail.com by 24 January 2025. You will be informed of the outcome by 17 February.

We will provide accommodation, as well as breakfast, lunch (on the 7th, 8th, and 9th) and dinner (on the 7th and 8th). Additional bursaries may be available for travel costs, but this is not guaranteed.

Conference Organizers:

Torrey Shanks, University of Toronto

Geertje Bol, Ghent University

Mary Jo Macdonald, University of Jyväskylä