

WOMEN IN THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT



3-Day Conference • 7-9 May 2025
Het Rustpunt • Burgstraat 110-16, Ghent

7 May

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS 09:00

PANEL 1: JEWISH POLITICAL THOUGHT 9:15–10:45

- Martina Reuter (Jyväskylä), 'Conceptions of Gender, Race, and Citizenship in Helsingfors Dagblad 1869 and 1872'
- Sophie Cardin (Oxford), 'Esther the Great Revolutionary: Esther Frumkin's Marxist Yiddishism and the History of Yiddish Political Thought'

PANEL 2: BLAZING WORLDS 11:00–12:30

- Torrey Shanks (Toronto), 'The Unreal Estate of Margaret Cavendish'
- Abbie LeBlanc (Harvard), 'Sex on the Moon in Eighteenth-Century France'

LUNCH 12:30–2:00

PANEL 3: REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN 2:00–3:45

- Kathleen McCrudden Illert (Independent Scholar), 'Sophie de Grouchy: Embodying the Republic'
- Geneviève Rousselière (Duke), 'Olympe de Gouges on Privilege'
- Elena Gordon (Jyväskylä), 'Class, Macaulay, and Hume'

PANEL 4: COURT(ING) AND COURTESANS 4:00–5:30

- Kelsey Gordon (Toronto), 'Sex and Sensibility: Recognition Seeking in the Art of the Courtesan'
- Geertje Bol (Ghent) & Mary Jo MacDonald (Jyväskylä), 'From Courtiers to Courtship: The Politics of Flattery in Drake and Astell'

CONFERENCE DINNER 7:00

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PANEL 5: BRITISH ABOLITIONISM 9:00–10:30

- Ross Carroll (Dublin City), "'No timid, reluctant half-measures": Elizabeth Heyrick's Abolitionism and Women's Political Action'
- Emmanuelle de Champs (CY Cergy Paris), 'Frances Wright's *England, the Civilizer* (1848), Breaking the Rules in the History of Political Thought'

PANEL 6: (MIS)ATTRIBUTIONS 10:45–12:15

- Menaka Philips (Toronto), 'Intellectual Labor as Democratic Practice: Gender, Reception Politics, and Citizenship'
- Teresa Bejan (Oxford), 'An Undiscovered Astell Tract?'

LUNCH 12:30–2:00

PANEL 7: MIRRORS AND EXEMPLARS 2:00–3:45

- Delphine Calle (Antwerp), 'On the Loves of Statesmen: (De)Constructing Political Exemplarity in 17th-Century France'
- Marguerite Deslauriers (McGill), 'The Political Virtues of Illustrious Women'
- Eleanor Pickford (Cambridge), 'Reading Utopia in Christine de Pizan's *The Book of the City of Ladies*'

PANEL 8: ANARCHISM 4:00–5:30

- Kathy Ferguson (Hawai'i at Mānoa), 'Anarchist Women Writers from the Paris Commune to the Spanish Revolution'
- Devin Ouellette (Toronto), 'Women's Oppression as Gender Differentiation: He-Yin Zhen and the Politics of Diagnosing Women's Subordination in late-Qing China'

DRINKS 6:00

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PANEL 9: DISPLACED EMPIRES 10:15 - 12:00

- Jaby Mathews (Toronto), 'Shinde and Ramabai on the Patriarchal Dimensions of Caste'
- Tim Vasko (Barnard College), 'Women and Other Enlightenments in the Western Hemisphere'
- David Alvarez (DePauw), 'Religion, Race, and the Formation of the Secular in Lady Mary Wortley Montagu's *The Turkish Embassy Letters*'

CLOSING REMARKS 12:00

LUNCH 12:30



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