

**Women in Antiquity 2020 Programme
'Women Disrupting the Patriarchy'**

Thursday 17 September, 2020

0900 – WELCOME

Women and patronage

0915 – Shanshan Wen, Shanghai Normal University, 'Spending on Public Feasts: Female Benefactors in the Cities of the Roman West'

0950 – Brenda Longfellow, University of Iowa, 'Agents in Life and Death: Female Tomb Patrons in Pompeii'

1025 – BREAK

Women and the economy

1045 – Kristina Milnor, Barnard College, Columbia University, 'Borrowing Authority: Female Lenders and Debtors in Ancient Rome'

1120 – Giulia Vettori, University of Trento, 'Acting as a good *paterfamilias*: Which economic role for the Roman *matrona*?''

1155 – Katrien De Graef, Ghent University, 'Women of Means. On the Role of the *Naditum* Women in the Economy of Old Babylonian Sippar'

1230 – LUNCH

Women and literacy

1320 – Paula Tutty, University of Oslo, "'My Lord, do it for God's sake.'" Female Correspondents in Late Antique Monastic Letters from Egypt'

1355 – Marianna Thoma, University of Athens, 'Empowered women in papyrus letters from Greco-Roman Egypt: aspects of women's influence on their male correspondents'

1430 – John Bradley, Royal Holloway, University of London, 'Women as Scribes in Imperial Rome. Evidence in Early-Third Century AD Frescoes'

1505 – BREAK

Disruptive women

1525 – Claude-Emmanuelle Centlivres Challet, University of Lausanne, 'Ordinary disruption: Roman women's everyday agency'

1600 – Katherine McDonald, University of Exeter, 'Disrupting the patriarchy in pre-Roman Italy? Women in the epigraphic record c. 400 – 50 BCE.'

1635 – Rebecca Lloyd-Hagemann, University of Auckland, 'Living the Principle, while bending the rules: Examining the Lives of Fourth Century Women'

1710 – BREAK

1730 – KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Judith P. Hallett, University of Maryland
'Women disrupting the patriarchy: What took us so long?'

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Sisters and sisterhood

- 0915 – Nicole Demarchi, University of Padova, Ca' Foscari University of Venice and University of Verona, 'The two wicked sisters: Liutperga and Adelperga. a case study of women's agency in the early middle ages'
- 0950 – Matilda Brown and Alex Imrie, University of Edinburgh, 'Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves: the later Severan women as imperial power brokers'

1025 – BREAK

Women and work

- 1045 – Maeve McHugh, University of Birmingham, 'Jobs for the boys? The female experience of agricultural labour'
- 1120 – Ada Nifosi, University of Kent, 'Investigating Roman maidens' skills: spinning tools, musical instruments, and writing sets in the funerary contexts of the Western Roman Empire (1st-5th c. AD)'
- 1155 – Petra Hogenboom-Meijerink, Assistant Curator, Egyptian collection, Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, 'Housewife or career woman? Women's occupational activities in the ancient Egyptian Late and Greco-Roman Period'

1230 – LUNCH

Women and law

- 1320 – James R. Townshend, University of Miami, '*Mulier testabilis*: Women as witnesses in Roman Law'
- 1355 – Lisa A. Hughes, University of Calgary, 'Legal and Visual Inclusion: Non-Elite Roman Widows, Succession, and the *Sacra Privata*'
- 1430 – Lydia Schriemer, University of Ottawa, 'A Will of Her Own? The Evolution of Adult Female Guardianship in Late Antique Egypt'

1505 – BREAK

Women and religion

- 1525 – Julietta Steinhauer, University College London, 'Religious, offices, associations, women and agency'
- 1600 – Anna Mech, University of Warsaw, 'No offices, no priesthoods, no decorations? Significant women in religious life in Roman Dalmatia'
- 1635 – Caitlin C. Gillespie, Brandeis University, 'Religious Agency and Imperial Resistance: The Case of Pomponia Graecina'

1710 – BREAK

1730 – KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Paul du Plessis, University of Edinburgh,
'Female patrons in Roman Law'

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Saturday 19 September, 2020

Women and politics

0915 – Evelyn Fertl, Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland, “*nunc vinclis exolutis domos, fora, iam et exercitus regerent.*” The wives of high-ranking magistrates and military officers and their political role in the Roman provinces’

0950 – Lewis Webb, University of Gothenburg, ‘Female interventions in politics in the *libera res publica*: Structures and practices’

1025 – BREAK

Women and sexuality

1045 – Margherita Carucci, Cardiff University, ‘Roman women in the court of silence: a feminist agenda in republican Rome’

1120 – Sara Casamayor-Mancisidor, University of Salamanca, ‘The Golden (Roman) Girls: Old age, women, and power in ancient Rome’

1155 – Lisa Kaaren Bailey, University of Auckland, ‘Sanctity and sex avoidance in the Lives of Merovingian female saints’

1230 – LUNCH

Women and power in Ancient Greece

1320 – Barbara Schipani, University of Naples “L’Orientale”, ‘Women with roles of power in the ancient Greek world’

1355 – Katherine Backler, All Souls College, Oxford University, ‘Women disrupting the patriline in classical Athens’

1430 – Melanie Meaker, University of Mannheim, ‘Women at the Races: Female Victors in Greek *hippikoi agones*’

1505 – BREAK

Exceptional women

1525 – Jill Mitchell, Independent researcher, ‘Coelia Concordia: The Head Vestal who successfully defied the Priests of Vesta’

1600 – Cristiana Sogno, Fordham University, ‘A Reign of Her Own: Serena and the Question of Female Agency’

1630 – BREAK

Women and the stage

1650 – John H. Starks, Binghamton University, ‘Giving away the Farm...to *Mimes!*: *Vox populi* and the (Un?)stable Economy of Women Onstage’

1725 – Edith Hall and Magdalena Zira, King’s College London, ‘Reclaiming Dido: A Collaboration between Academia and the Professional Stage’

1800 – CLOSING REMARKS AND FAREWELL