



# WOMEN AND VIOLENCE IN THE LATE MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN, CA. 1100-1500

27th-28th September, Maison Française d'Oxford  
2 - 10 Norham Road, Oxford OX2 6SE

## DAY 1 - FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

### 9:30-10:00 Registration

### 10:00-10:15 Opening remarks

### 10:15-11:15 First Keynote lecture

Gender expectations, rage, and women's strategies of retribution in late medieval Italy  
Carol Lansing, University of California Santa Barbara

### 11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

### 11:30-13:00 Session 1 - Gendered Crime

Chair: Sophie Marnette, Oxford

A silent violence. *Veneficium* as a gendered crime in Late Medieval Italy (Emilia Musumeci, Teramo)

"Under his Eye": abortion and the gendering of crime in Byzantium (Stephanie Novasio, Birmingham)

Negotiating Violence and Consent: Sex Workers in Later Medieval France and Burgundy (Lucia Akard, Oxford)

### 13:00-14:00 Lunch

### 14:00-16:00 Session 2 - Women and War

Chair: Vivien Prigent (CNRS - Paris 1)

"Both General and Lady": The 1135 Defence of Gangra by its Amira (Maximilian Lau, Tokyo)

Representations of women's violence in the epic: the old French Guillaume d'Orange cycle, the Byzantine Digenis Akritis and the Persian Book of Kings by Ferdowsi (Nina Soleymani Majd, Grenoble)

À l'épreuve des guerres seigneuriales. Des rôles féminins dans la trame de l'*Histoire de Corse* (Lucie Arrighi, Corsica)

Reflections on Women and Warfare in Communal Italy (XII-XIII centuries) (Alberto Luongo, Siena)

### 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

### 16:30-18:00 Session 3 - Legal Theory

Chair: Hannah Skoda (Oxford)

The Criminality of Women in Late 15th-Century Ottoman Legal Theory (Fatma Gül Karagöz, Galatasaray)

Les droits des femmes dans le Kanun albanais (Kostanca Jorgji, Limoges)

Lascivious crimes and legitimate proofs: women and the juridical transformation of Norman and Staufen Sicily (Philippa Byrne, Oxford)

### 18:00-19:00 Drinks reception

### 19:30-21:30 Dinner for speakers and chairs

## DAY 2 - SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

### 9:15-10:15 Second keynote lecture

La parrèsia, violence spécifique de la femme à Byzance  
Élisabeth Malamut, Aix-Marseille

### 10:15-11:15 Coffee Break

### 10:30-12:30 Session 4 - Conflict and Peace-making

Chair: David Zakarian, Oxford

A queen, a sister and a mother. The role of Elizabeth of Aragon, Queen of Portugal, as a sponsor of Iberian peace (1300-1305) (Diana Martins, Lisbon)



"With her aid, direction, and fervor": Women and the Politics of Lordship in Fourteenth-Century Tuscany (Joseph Figliulo-Rosswurm, University of California Santa Barbara)

"She Wanted to Trample the Land of Her Enemies": Queen Isabel of Castile's Chivalric Fondness for Violence (Samuel Classen, California Lutheran University)

A likely transfer of Mediterranean influence on performance of a Hungarian noblewoman. The case of Elizabeth Szilágyi (c.1410-1483) (Melina Rokai, Belgrade)

*12:30-13:30 Lunch*

**13:30-15:00 Session 5 - Violence Against Women**

Chair: Miri Rubin, Queen Mary's University

Violence against Women in T'ovma Mecopci's History of Tamerlane and his Descendants (15th c.) (David Zakarian, Oxford)

Medieval Verbal Harassment: Harassing Women and Women harassed in the Italian criminal court records (Bologna 1350-1400) (Chloé Tardivel, Paris Diderot)

Legal regulation of sex crimes in medieval Serbia and its Mediterranean communes (Nina Kršljanin, Belgrade)

*15:00-15:30 Coffee Break*

**15:30-17:00 Session 6 - Women at the Margins**

Chair: Philip Booth, Oxford

Jewish women in the Crown of Aragon and intra-community violence - 14th century (Chloé Bonnet, Perpignan)

Aristocracy, Slavery, and Violence on Women in Renaissance Central Italy (Loek Luiten, Oxford)

"Weak Little Women": The Presence of Gendered Strategies in Early Fourteenth-Century Inquisitorial Courts (Delfi I. Nieto Isabel, Barcelona)

**17:00-17:30 Conclusion**

Annick Peters-Custot, Nantes

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