



Women, Gender, and Queenship

through the Ages

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2025

RSSS BUILDING, LECTORIAL ROOM 1.21 • AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

9.20 – 9.30 – Welcome

Dr Meaghan McEvoy & Prof. Maria Nugent (Head, School of History)

SESSION 1 – CHAIR: DR KAREN FOX

9.30 – 10.00 – Prof. Caillan Davenport - *Did the Early Romans have Queens?*

10.00-10.30 – Dr Meaghan McEvoy – *Queenly Patronage in Early Byzantium: Anicia Juliana's Churches in Constantinople*

10.30-11.00 – Dr Esther Klein – *The 'Villainous' Dowagers, the Female Emperor, and the Anarcho-Feminist Critique of Queenship in China*

11.00 – 11.30 – Morning Tea

SESSION 2 – CHAIR: DR MEAGHAN MCEVOY

11.30–12.30 – Keynote: Dr Alex McAuley (Auckland) – *The Other Side of the Dynastic Coin: Rethinking Queenship & Gender in the Hellenistic World*

12.30 – 1.20 – Lunch

SESSION 3 – CHAIR: ALEXANDRA KUJANPAA

1.20-1.50 – Dr David Romney Smith – *Queens of Mallorca: Fighting at Sea and Ruling on Islands*

1.50-2.20 – Dr Tania Colwell – *Queenship in Late Medieval France: Paradoxical Expectations of Elite Women's Exercise of Power and Authority*

2.20-2.50 – Julie Hotchin – *Queenly Intercessors and Nuns' Self-Image in the Sybil Embroidery from Heiningen (1517)*

2.50 – 3.20 – Afternoon Tea

SESSION 4 – CHAIR: DR KAREN DOWNING

3.20-3.50 – Prof. Ros Smith – *1566: Mary Stuart, the Baptism of James VI, and Religious Affiliation as Spectacle*

3.50-4.20 - Fleur Goldthorpe – *From Accession to Alliance: Queen Anne's First 100 Days and the Repair of Anglo-Portuguese Relations*

4.20-4.50 – Prof. Maria Nugent – *First Nations' uses of Queen Victoria: Claims and contestations*

4.50 – 5.00 – Conclusion

5.00 – 6.00 – Reception in the ANU Classics Museum (A.D. Hope Building)

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