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organized by
Anne Foerster M. A. and
Prof. Dr. Ingrid Baumgärtner

Seal: Matilda of Scotland, Queen of England 1100-1118
Gender as a category of difference has a profound influence on the access to power and authority in most societies - past or present. Our workshop will explore the gendered nature of political authority by focusing on queens and other female aristocrats. It will offer a platform to discuss new approaches and different methods for the study of gender. The talks will address the varying self-images, ideas, projections, practices, and agencies pertaining to women as landgravines and queens, as wives, daughters, and widows in Britain and the Holy Roman Empire from c. 1000 to 1500.

Gender and Authority in medieval society

To shed light on how the standing of rulers was shaped by different factors, situations, and actions is a crucial task for historians. The workshop seeks to enable young researchers with a focus on gender to discuss their work with students, interested guests, and accomplished scholars from Germany and Great Britain. Participants will gain new perspectives for their research in the field of Gender History and win experience in an international setting as well as a better understanding of the needs and benefits that characterize international scientific cooperation.

10^{15}-12^{30} Students's Workshop with Anne Foerster and Susan Johns - registration required

Introduction
14^{00} Anne Foerster Kassel
Welcome address
14^{15} Ingrid Baumgärtner Kassel
Medieval History and Gender Studies at the University of Kassel

Performing Gender and Authority
14^{30} Stefanie Dick Kassel
Representation and Performance. Royal Couples in the Holy Roman Empire
15^{15} Nadine Rudolph Kassel
Agency in Gendered Spaces. The Hessian Landgravine Mechthild of Württemberg
16^{00} Afternoon break

Gender and Authority in Historiography
16^{30} Anne Foerster Kassel
The King's Widow. Gendered Roles in English Chronicles
17^{15} Carina Nolte Kassel
Gendering the Mathildas. Women and Power in the English Anarchy
18^{00} Evening break

Key Lecture
18^{30} Susan Johns Bangor
Studying Women and Power in the Middle Ages and in Historiography
19^{15} Closing discussion
20^{15} Dinner - registration required