

# Gender<sup>and</sup> Authority

in medieval society

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

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.

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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<sup>15</sup>-12<sup>30</sup> Students's Workshop with  
Anne Foerster and Susan Johns  
- registration required

## Introduction

14<sup>00</sup> **Anne Foerster** Kassel  
Welcome address

14<sup>15</sup> **Ingrid Baumgärtner** Kassel  
Medieval History and Gender  
Studies at the University of Kassel

## Performing Gender and Authority

14<sup>30</sup> **Stefanie Dick** Kassel  
Representation and Performance.  
Royal Couples in the Holy Roman  
Empire

15<sup>15</sup> **Nadine Rudolph** Kassel  
Agency in Gendered Spaces.  
The Hessian Landgravine  
Mechthild of Württemberg

16<sup>00</sup> Afternoon break

## Gender and Authority in Historiography

16<sup>30</sup> **Anne Foerster** Kassel  
The King's Widow. Gendered  
Roles in English Chronicles

17<sup>15</sup> **Carina Nolte** Kassel  
Gendering the Mathildas. Women  
and Power in the English Anarchy

18<sup>00</sup> Evening break

## Key Lecture

18<sup>30</sup> **Susan Johns** Bangor  
Studying Women and Power in the  
Middle Ages and in Historiography

19<sup>15</sup> **Closing discussion**

20<sup>15</sup> Dinner - registration required