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WORKSHOP

9-10 July 2024



**Cultures of Engagement:
Female Religious Communities in
the Eighteenth and
Nineteenth Centuries**

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With the participation of:

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16:00 Welcome by Karen Kilby (Centre for Catholic Studies)

First Session (16:15-18:30)

Julia Lewandowska – *In White Ink: Mystical Theology, Mariology and the Bible in the Writings of Hispanic Nuns. Continuities and Ruptures (Seventeenth – Eighteenth Centuries)*

Marie Giraud – *Preserving and Venerating a Jansenist Abbess in Eighteenth-Century France: Mère Angélique's Death Mask*

Sarah Barthélemy – *Women and Theological Knowledge in the Long Nineteenth Century*

Clarisse Tesson – *Intellectual Nuns? The Dominican Sisters of Saint-Jacques and the Congrégation des Tourelles, Two Unprecedented Attempts at the End of the Nineteenth Century*

Reception (18:30-19:00)

Gala dinner (19:00)

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Breakfast in St Chad's College

Second Session (9:00-11:00)

Richard Yoder – *An Eighteenth-Century Conventual Writer Between Rousseau and the Sacred Heart*

Cormac Begadon – *Making the Case for a 'Female Religious Enlightenment'? The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, c. 1750-c.1815*

Maria Luísa Jacquinet – *'Useful to Church and State'. Enlightenment and Female Monastic Religiosity in Late Ancien Régime-Portugal*

Scholastica Jacob – *Towards a Second Spring: The Engagement of Contemplative, Enclosed Women in Catholic England from 1800, Examined Through Their Libraries, Writing and Liturgical Work*

Refreshment (11:00)

Roundtable (11:30-12:30)

Lunch (12:30-13:30)

Third Session (13:30-15:30)

Gemma Betros – *Supporting the Revolution: Female Religious Communities and the Don Patriotique of 1789*

Kristien Suenens – *Negotiating with the Empress. Female Religious Communities and their Struggle for Political Recognition in the Eighteenth-Century Austrian Netherlands*

Brian Heffernan – *Contemplative Nuns and Cultural Engagement in the Nineteenth-Century Culture Wars in Western Europe*

Conclusion – Caroline Bowden (15:30)