

WORKSHOP

WOMEN AND VIOLENCE IN LATE MEDIEVAL EUROPE

31 March 2026

Rijksarchief Leuven



- 09:00 ● **Welcome**
- 09:30 ● **Introduction by Sara McDougall**
- 09:45 ● **Session 1: Physical Violence**
- Alice Raw (Pembroke College): Intimate Partner Violence in English Church Courts.
- Elias Feys (KU Leuven-ULille): Blades instead of Brooms? Reassessing the Gendered Dynamics of Women's Physical Violence.
- 11:00 ● **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 ● **Session 2: Protest and Resistance**
- Jelle Haemers (KU Leuven): Poor Mothers? Women, Petitioning and Urban Contention in Mechelen, 1531.
- Quentin Verreycken (UC Louvain): 'Pour Faire Blasme et Diffame': Honour, Bill-Casting, and Female Agency in Late Medieval Paris.
- 12:45 ● **Lunch Break**
- 13:45 ● **Session 3: Urban Sexual Violence**
- Lisa Demets (UAntwerpen): Blurred lines. Sexuality and Sexual Violence in the Medieval City.
- Sara McDougall (John Jay College): The trafficking of Women in Late Medieval Dijon.
- Maëliiss Nouvel (Université Paris Cité): Female Complicity and Sexual Violence in Late Medieval Dijon.
- 15:15 ● **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 ● **Session 4: Verbal Violence**
- Mireille Pardon (Berea College): Killing with the Tongue: Women, Complicity, and False Accusations in Late Medieval Bruges and Ghent.
- Jamie Page (Universität Graz): Von scheltenne und honenne mit rede / 'On scolding and mocking speech': Verbal Violence in Late Medieval Swiss Insult Cases.
- 17:00 ● **Closing remarks by Walter Prevenier**

Interested? Please register by sending an email to elias.feys@kuleuven.be