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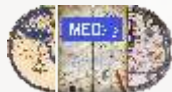
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This symposium takes on the topic of memory as an instrument of power. Women's roles in *memoria* and commemoration have been well studied by scholars of the Middle Ages; indeed, they are a central theme in the historiography of medieval women. To date, however, memory has almost always been framed in terms of religion and piety. Here, the papers presented tease out the various functions of remembrance, adding a new layer to traditional concerns with family and spirituality. They analyze the multiple ways in which memory in the Middle Ages could be wielded to enhance a woman's power. Employing evidence drawn from both written and visual sources, the participants in this symposium open new perspectives on the significance of memory, recognizing its multiple contributions to medieval women's clout.

## PROGRAM

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|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9.00  | Introduction, THERESE MARTIN (CCHS-CSIC)                                                                                                          |
| 9.15  | Keynote speaker: ELISABETH VAN HOUTS (Cambridge University)<br><b>The Burden of Memory</b>                                                        |
| 10.00 | LUCY PICK (University of Chicago)<br><b>Manuscripts and Memory: Queen Sancha (d. 1067) as Book Patron</b>                                         |
| 10.30 | Discussion                                                                                                                                        |
| 11.00 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                      |
| 11.30 | AMANCIO ISLA (Universidad Rovira i Virgili-Tarragona)<br><b>Selected Women, Selected Memories in the Kingdom of León, Tenth-Twelfth Centuries</b> |
| 12.00 | JENIFER NÍ GHRÁDAIGH (University of Sheffield)<br><b>Women, Art, Memory, and Loss: Assessing the Evidence</b>                                     |

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| 12.30 | CARLOS LALIENA (Universidad de Zaragoza)<br><b>The Role of Women's Memory in the Dynastic Consolidation of Navarra and Aragón (Tenth and Eleventh Centuries)</b> |
| 13.00 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                       |
| 13.30 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15.00 | ALEXANDRA GAJEWSKI (CCHS-CSIC)<br><b>Piety Is Power: The Case of the Royal Tombs at Fontevraud Abbey</b>                                                         |
| 15.30 | STEFANIE SEEBERG (CCHS-CSIC)<br><b>Propped Up by the Past: Memory in the Convent of Quedlinburg during the Twelfth Century</b>                                   |
| 16.00 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                       |
| 16.30 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17.00 | FIONA GRIFFITHS (New York University)<br><b>Remembering the Dead: Women, Mourning, and the Power of Prayer</b>                                                   |
| 17.30 | D. FAIRCHILD RUGGLES (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)<br><b>An Architecture of Insistence: The Tomb Built by Shajar al-Durr, Sultan of Egypt</b>       |
| 18.00 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                       |
| 18.30 | Closing remarks, ANA RODRÍGUEZ (CCHS-CSIC)                                                                                                                       |