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## International Conference

# Women of the Cistercian Order

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**28-31  
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Via Zoom



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# WOMEN OF THE CISTERCIAN ORDER: UNVEILING NUNNERIES AND EXPANDING HORIZONS

28 TO 31 JANUARY

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(PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES SPECIFIED IN THIS PROGRAMME ARE DISPLAYED IN LISBON TIME)

Tuesday, 28th January 2025

14h00: Opening session/ Welcome words

CATARINA TENTE (Director of the Institute for Medieval Studies, NOVA FCSH)

CATARINA FERNANDES BARREIRA and CONCEIÇÃO CASANOVA (PI and Co-PI of the research Project of Lorvão)

14h20-15h00: Opening lecture by EDUARDO CARRERO SANTAMARÍA (UAB - Spain) -  
*Sounding the Nunnery. A gendered history of acoustics?*

Moderator: CATARINA FERNANDES BARREIRA (IEM - NOVA FCSH)

15h00-15h20: Debate

15h20-15h30: Break

## **Session I: Music and Liturgy I**

Moderator: ZUELMA CHAVES (CESEM - NOVA FCSH)

**15h30-16h10:** Keynote session by MANUEL PEDRO FERREIRA (CESEM - In2Past NOVA FCSH) - *Cistercian Nuns, Iberia, and Polyphony*

**16h10-16h30:** KRISTIN HOEFENER (CESEM - NOVA FCSH) - "Angelorum cum regina": A *Compiled Office Cycle from St. Mechtern near Cologne (c.1300)*

**16h30-16h50:** ALBERTO MEDINA DE SEIÇA (CESEM - NOVA FCSH) - "Veni Sponsa Christi": A *Brief Overview of the Ordo for the Consecration of Nuns in the Missal of Lorvão*

**16h50-17h10:** Debate

**Wednesday, 29th January 2025**

## **Session II: Libraries, Music and Cistercian Liturgy I**

Moderator: JOÃO LUÍS FONTES (IEM - NOVA FCSH)

**9h30-10h10:** Keynote session by CATARINA FERNANDES BARREIRA (IEM - NOVA FCSH) - *Gendered Liturgy: Exploring the Libraries and liturgical Practices of Portuguese Cistercian Nuns*

**10h10-10h30:** ANTÓNIA FIALHO CONDE (CIDEHUS - UÉvora) - *La présence de la musique dans le quotidien monastique de S. Bento de Cástris (Évora): d'espace identitaire à la transition vers la modernité*

**10h30-10h50:** Debate

**10h50-11h00:** Break

**Session III: Economy, daily life and culture**

Moderator: MÁRIO FARELO (Lab2PT - ICS)

**11h00-11h20:** LUÍS RÊPAS (CHSC - UC) and PAULO LOPES (IEM - NOVA FCSH) - *Venturing beyond the cloister: female monastic identity in Medieval Portugal*

**11h20-11h40:** Debate

**11h40-14h00:** Lunch break

**Session IV: Nunneries and Cistercian culture**

Moderator: PAULO LOPES (IEM - NOVA FCSH)

**14h00-14h40:** Keynote session by MERCEDES PÉREZ VIDAL (UAM - Spain) - *Cistercian Women and Blurred Religious Identities. Broadening Horizons*

**14h40-15h00:** MARGA MINGOTE (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona - Spain) - *The monastic school in the Royal Monastery of Santa Maria de Vallbona de les Monges: Cistercian culture and liturgical practice (Thirteenth to Fourteenth centuries)*

**15h00-15h20:** CONSTANCE H. BERMAN (University of Iowa - USA) - *The manuscript account book for the Cistercian nuns of Maubuisson*

**15h20-15h40:** Debate

**15h40-15h50:** Break

**Session V: Libraries, Music and Cistercian Liturgy II**

Moderator: ALBERTO MEDINA DE SEIÇA (CESEM - NOVA FCSH)

**15h50-16h30:** Keynote session by MARGOT FASSLER (University of Notre Dame - USA) - *Cistercian Sequentiaries from Three Female Houses in Context*

**16h30-16h50:** INNOCENT SMITH, OP (Dominican House of Studies - Washington DC, USA) - *Bible Missals and the Cistercian Liturgy*

**16h50-17h10:** Debate

**Thursday, 30th January 2025**

**Session VI: Monastic Sigillography**

Moderator: LUÍS RÊPAS (CHSC - UC)

**10h10-10h50:** Keynote session by SAUL A. GOMES (CHSC - UC) - *Testimonies of Cistercian Spirituality in Portuguese Sigillography*

10h50-11h10: Debate

11h10-11h20: Break

**Session VII: Cistercian Normative and Visitations**

Moderator: JOÃO LUÍS FONTES (IEM NOVA FCSH)

11h20-12h00: Keynote session by GHISLAIN BAURY (Le Mans Université - France) - *Règles, normes et visites dans les abbayes de moniales cisterciennes au Moyen Âge*

12h00-12h20: LUÍS RÊPAS (CHSC - UC) and MÁRIO FARELO (Lab2PT - ICS) - *The jurisdictional dispute between Claraval and Alcobaça over the Convent of Almoster in the late Middle Ages*

12h40-13h00: Debate

13h00-14h00: Lunch break

**Session VIII: Medieval Bookbinding and the Architecture of the Book**

Moderator: ISABEL POMBO (LAQV - REQUIMTE NOVA FCT)

14h00-14h40: Keynote session by ALBERTO CAMPAGNOLO (Director of the Book Heritage Lab at KU Leuven - Belgium) - *Beyond Style: Reconsidering Historical Bookbinding Descriptions*

**14h40-15h00:** INÊS CORREIA (IEM - NOVA FCSH) - *The anatomy of the medieval book: Observation and interpretation through conservation practise*

**15h00-15h20:** ANA TOURAIIS (LAQV - REQUIMTE NOVA FCT) and CONCEIÇÃO CASANOVA (LAQV - REQUIMTE NOVA FCT) - *Preserving the Legacy: Portuguese Medieval Bookbindings Documented and Shared*

**15h20-15h40:** Debate

**15h40-15h50:** Break

**Session IX: Conservation and Restoration of Medieval books**

Moderator: CATARINA MIGUEL (HERCULES - UÉvora, In2Past)

**15h50-16h30:** Keynote session by CONCEIÇÃO CASANOVA (LAQV - REQUIMTE NOVA FCT) - *Tracing the Historical Journey of Medieval Codices: From Abbey Shelves to Modern Conservation Practices*

**16h30-16h50:** CATARINA TIBÚRCIO (NOVA - ID FCT) - *The communion of books: the life of Lorvão library in the Late Middle Ages (12th to 16th centuries)*

**16h50-17h10:** Debate

**Friday, 31st January 2025**

**Session X: Pigments, Colours and Illumination I**

Moderator: CATARINA MIGUEL (HERCULES - UÉvora, In2Past)

**9h30-10h10:** Keynote session by MAURIZIO ACETO (UPO - Italy) - *About whales, drunken monks and knights: the contribution of analytical chemistry to the knowledge of miniature paintings*

**10h10-10h30:** SILVIA BOTTURA-SCARDINA (L-Università ta' Malta) - *Shedding light on manuscript illumination: spectrochemistry behind the blue and green paints of the manuscripts of Lorvão monastery*

**10h30-10h50:** Debate

**10h50-11h00:** Break

**Session XI: Pigments, Colours and Illumination II**

Moderator: CONCEIÇÃO CASANOVA (LAQV - REQUIMTE NOVA FCT)

**11h00-11h40:** Keynote session by CATARINA MIGUEL (HERCULES - UÉvora, In2Past) - *Exploring the Hues of Cistercian Illuminations in Portugal: a Decade-long Retrospective of Material Characterisation Narratives*

**11h40-12h00:** EVGENIA KOUGKA (ARCHMAT Erasmus Mundos programme) - *An Archaeometric Study of Small Pigments in Cultural Heritage-Production, Characterization and Uses*

**12h00-12h20:** Debate

**12h20-14h00:** Lunch break

**Session XII: Cistercian Heritage**

Moderator: CATARINA FERNANDES BARREIRA (IEM - NOVA FCSH)

**14h00-14h40:** ZUELMA CHAVES (CESEM - NOVA FCSH) - Cistercian books and libraries  
Database: merging knowledge for the preservation of a unique Cultural Heritage

**14h20-14h40:** Debate

**14h40-14h50:** Final remarks by JOÃO LUÍS FONTES (IEM - NOVA FCSH)

**14h50:** Closing