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Public Lecture

Priests' Wives in Medieval Europe

Excavating a Forgotten History of Women

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Date & Time

Thursday 12 October 2023,

5pm, followed by a reception

Venue

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In the early eleventh century, bishops across Europe embarked on a campaign to rid the church of the married priest. The Latin church emerged from this period of reform as a triumphantly single-sex hierarchy, but cathedral precincts and priestly residences had once thronged with clerical wives and families. This lecture seeks to recapture a history of these women, considering their importance to medieval communities and their impact on religious life.

Registration Essential

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