



Call for Papers

Women and the Sea in the Early Modern World

Symposium at the University of Plymouth, 6-7 September 2023

This symposium will bring together scholars to examine women and their interactions with the sea and maritime world from 1500-1750. We invite submissions for 20-minute papers from PhD students, early career researchers and established researchers from across the world. The symposium will run in a hybrid and in person format.

Proposals may cover topics that includes but are not limited to the following themes

- Experiences of women at sea
- Women living and working in maritime communities (dockyards, port towns; fishing)
- Women and the Navy
- Women and Piracy
- Women and migration
- Enslaved women and the sea
- Indigenous women and the sea
- Women and private companies (EIC; VOC etc)
- Material culture of women at sea
- Lives ashore – separation from sailor husbands/family members
- Gender and the Sea

Please email your abstract of 2-300 words and a short biography/CV to:
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We are able to provide some support to PGR students and ECRs to help with the cost of attending the event in person – please get in touch with the organisers as soon as possible if you would like to find out about this

Organisers

- Dr Anna Maria Forsberg, Vasa Museum
- Dr Deborah Hamer, New Netherlands Institute
- Dr Elaine Murphy, University of Plymouth

Closing Date for abstracts: 6 August 2023

Image: *The Trojan Women Setting Fire to Their Fleet*, Claude Lorrain (c. 1643), Metropolitan Museum of Art