

## Challenges for Early Modern Women's History

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Date(s)	Wednesday 18th June 2014 (16:30-17:30)
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Archival research has dramatically altered women's studies. It has confirmed the fact that early modern women writers published not chiefly in print, but mostly in manuscript. Since the 1980s English literary scholars have discovered hundreds of manuscripts penned by female authors in widely-dispersed libraries and repositories. Anthologies and digital projects such as **PERDITA** (<http://web.warwick.ac.uk/english/perdita/html/>) have made access to these texts easier for researchers and students alike. But while in this way more female authors (letter-writers, poets and playwrights) have been able to capture our attention, the political dealings of Englishwomen, even those of the highest status, have continued to be neglected. Apart from the correspondence of Elizabeth I, for instance, none of the letters of royal Englishwomen, whether queens-consort or regnant, have been collected or edited. Nor have these textual traces been scrutinised for evidence of the writers' real historical importance. Jardine and Akkerman will offer exciting new research opportunities for excavating early modern women's history.



There will be opportunities for questions and a networking reception.

The event is free but **booking is essential** (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/challenges-for-early-modern-womens-history-professor-lisa-jardine-tickets-10584964915>).