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MORNING

9h45-10h00. Welcome

10h00-10h30 Catherine Goldstein (CNRS, IMJ-PRG, Paris), “An Arithmetic for Women? Marie Crous’s Ambiguous Originality in Early-Modern Mathematics"

10h30-11h00 Helena Taylor (CultPhil, University of Exeter), “Antoinette de Salvan de Saliez and Claude-Charles de Vertron: Community, Activism, Utopia?”
Chair: Kate Tunstall (Worcester College, Oxford)

11h00-11h30 Coffee

11h30-12h00 Sabrina Ebbersmeyer (WHENCE, University of Copenhagen), “‘Splendor of the Female Sex’, ‘Minerva of the North’ or ‘Another Aspasia’: Nordic Women Philosophers of the Early Modern Period and Their European Reception" [online]

12h00-12h30 Úna Faller (NOTCOM, ENS de Lyon), “Green Sickness and Early Modern Women: An Overview of Primary Sources and What They Can (and Cannot) Tell us About the Disease of Virgins”
Chair: Sally Mullis (Magdalen College, Oxford)

12h30-13h30 Lunch

AFTERNOON

13h30-14h00 Bodil Hvass Kjems (WHENCE, University of Copenhagen), “Benevolent Gatekeepers, Non-Ventriloquists, Affective Mentors: How Two Male Proto Feminists Endorsed Learning as a Vocation for Women in the Nordic Enlightenment”

14h00-14h30 Ruth Boeker (BMoral, University College Dublin), “Female Spaces for Learning and Moral Improvement in Eighteenth-century Britain”
Chair: Raphaele Garrod (Magdalen College, Oxford)

14h30-15h00 Break

15h00-15h30 Floris Verhaart (CultPhil, University of Exeter), "Work in Progress, for Private Use: Pieter de la Rue's *Nederlands Geleerd Vrouwentimmer*"

15h30-16h00 Margherita Giordano (BMoral, University College Dublin), “Women's Learning in The Ladies Library and Early Enlightenment Public Debates”
Chair: Caroline Warman (Jesus College, Oxford)

16h00-16h15 Break

16h15-16h45 Sarah Hutton (University of York), “Giuseppa Barbapiccola: Philosopher or 'Mere Translator'?”
Chair: Susan James (Birkbeck College/King’s College London)

16h45-17h00 Conclusions

Dinner
Cherwell Boathouse.

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