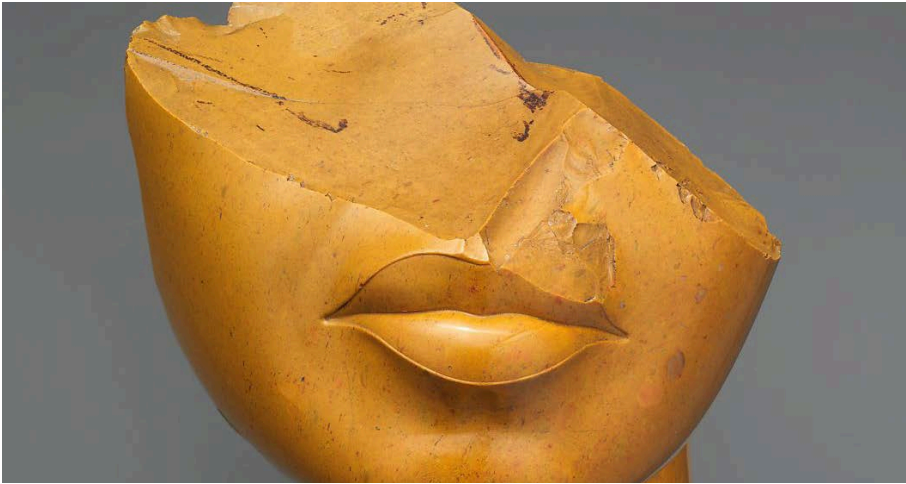




'Modern' Women of the Past? Unearthing Gender and Antiquity.

Online conference, March 2021.



Call for Papers

The AAIA, CCANESA, AWAWS, CCWM and the University of Sydney Departments of Archaeology and Classics & Ancient History warmly invite abstracts for our forthcoming conference on the reception of ancient women, to be held over **5-6 March 2021**, ahead of International Women's Day, 8 March 2021.

Despite restrictions on their autonomy from the (mostly) patriarchal societies in which they lived, women of the past were astronomers, chemists, warriors, politicians, philosophers, and medical practitioners (to mention just a few examples). Women strove to understand the world around them, and through their observations and innovations, they demonstrated that gender provides no barrier to participating and excelling in a full range of human endeavours.

This conference sets out to tell the frequently neglected history of such women. It illuminates the remarkable historical contributions of the invisible pioneers of the past, and considers how a distorted perception of past women has shaped the realities and inequalities of our modern world. In the 21st century, a balanced representation of gender across a diverse range of societies and cultures remains a work in progress, and a more complete understanding of our past may remedy distorted perceptions of women's capacities and contributions, both historically and as we move into the future.

The conference organisers invite abstracts (200 words max.) for papers of 15 minutes length. The conference timeframe is broadly imagined to include global women's history and its reception, from prehistory to late antiquity. Diverse geographic, disciplinary, cultural, and conceptual responses to this theme are encouraged: calling on all disciplines ranging from archaeology to popular culture studies and everything in between. Pre-history and antiquity are defined globally, with an understanding of culturally and geographically diverse timescales, and we encourage responses from First Nations perspectives. Our theme of 'women' is intended to include trans and non-binary women, who are encouraged to participate in our exploration on the shaping of history through conceptions of gender.

Postgraduate students and early career researchers from any discipline are encouraged to submit an abstract.

Abstracts should be submitted by **Monday 30th November, 2020** via email to unearthingwomen@gmail.com

Hosting organisations

Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens (AAIA)



THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
INSTITUTE AT ATHENS

Centre for Classical and Near Eastern
Studies of Australia (CCANESA)

Australasian Women in Ancient World
Studies (AWAWS)



Australasian Women in
Ancient World Studies

Chau Chak Wing Museum (CCWM)

University of Sydney Departments
of Archaeology and Ancient History
and Classics

Conference format

The *Modern Women of the Past? Unearthing Gender and Antiquity* conference will be held online, but based in Sydney Australia and key announcements will be made in Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). The organisers will attempt to accommodate international participants and a wide variety of time zones and encourage international participation. Once papers have been accepted feedback on scheduling will be sought from participants.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Fragment of a Queen's Face ca. 1353–1336 BCE
New Kingdom, Amarna Period.
Metropolitan Museum of Art (26.7.1396)

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