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NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL WESTERN MONASTICISM

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Ever since the Carolingian Renaissance and until very recently, the history of monasticism has been primarily written by monks. The work they have done, especially in copying and editing the texts from the past, has been phenomenal. However, we should be conscious that the history of monasticism they have written gives too much importance to great male figures, rules, and male monastic order(s). Too little has been said on the role of nuns --the first monks were probably nuns!--, the very complex history of the role played by rules in Western Monasticism, and the relative late appearance of monastic orders (not before the 12th century). As the co-editor of a book-project for Cambridge University Press that will regroup some 70 articles by multi-disciplinary specialists of Medieval Monasticism from all over the world, Dr. Cochelin has the incredible chance to see this one-thousand-year history from a very different standpoint.

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Lecture: following
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