

## The Body Politics of Mary Magdalen (London, 23–24 Nov 17)

The Warburg Institute, Woburn Square, London, WC1H 0AB, Nov 23–24, 2017

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The Warburg Institute is holding a two-day conference on Mary Magdalen, a figure of great historical importance and cultural resonance. Coming together for this free event, the multidisciplinary speakers will present new research on the representation of her body and its discourses across time and space.

Registration: [bit.ly/Mary-Mag](http://bit.ly/Mary-Mag)

### PROGRAMME

Thursday 23 November 2017

5.30pm Welcome and Introduction

Conference keynote:

Penny Jolly (Skidmore College)

"Addressing and Undressing the Female Body in the Magdalene Chapel at San Francesco, Assisi"

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Reception

Friday 24 November 2017

10am Registration and Coffee

10.30am Welcome and Introduction

Session 1: Chair – Zoe Opacic (Birkbeck)

10.45am

Paper 1: Joan Taylor (KCL)

What did Mary Magdalen look like?

11.30am

Paper 2: Joanne Anderson (WI)

## Materialising the Body of the Saint: Pilgrimage Politics and Art

12.15-1.30pm Lunch (for speakers and chairs only)

Session 2: Chair – Rose Marie San Juan (UCL)

1.30pm

Paper 3: Diane Apostolos-Cappadona (Georgetown)

"An 'athlete of God' or simply naked?: The Magdalene in the Wilderness from Isenbrandt to Etty"

2.15pm

Paper 4: Francesco Ventrella (Sussex)

Morelli's Magdalen and the Sexual Politics of Reading

Tea/Coffee – all delegates

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3.30pm

Paper 5: Lucy Bolton (QMUL)

Beautiful repentant whore: Mary Magdalen, Movie Star

4.15pm

Paper 6: Henrietta Simpson (Slade School of Art, UCL)

The Implications of Absence: Mary Magdalen and the Wilderness Landscape

5pm Roundtable chaired by Michelle O'Malley (WI)

6.15-7.30pm

Magdalena. A Portrait in Song of One of Christianity's Most Beloved Sinners

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The Warburg Institute Lecture Room. Refreshments provided

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