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**(In)Equality
of the Sexes:
Education and
the Querelle des
femmes in Early
Modern France**

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The Querelle des femmes began in fifteenth-century France with Christine de Pisan's forthright defense of her sex in response to the misogynistic discourse that permeated the literature of the day. She launched a fierce debate that would last over 400 years by advocating, in part, the enhanced education of women as crucial to realizing gender equality. I shall explore the definition and evolution of this controversial position on education as it was adopted, rejected, reasoned and transformed at critical moments in early modern French history by female and male authors, theorists and polemicists who all claimed a stake in the insoluble "woman question".

Questions?

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