

East Asian Studies Speaker Series
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The Matriarch, the Duchess, the Queen, and the Countess:

Patronesses of the Catholic Mission in Early Modern Chinese-European Relations

What do a Chinese élite lady in Shanghai, a Portuguese duchess in Madrid, an Austrian queen in Lisbon, and a Bavarian countess in Augsburg have in common? These women became revered patronesses of the Jesuit missions in China in the early modern period, and through their political and financial clout sustained a far-flung network of admirers, expressing feminine spiritually globally.





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