ART HISTORY

Women in Art
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6 weeks 12, 19, 26 November; 3, 10, 17 December
Tuesdays 13.00 – 15.00

Course code: 19TON408 Course fee: £93

This course provides an introduction to the cultural conditions, issues and debates that shaped the lives and work of female artists and the representation of women. Not simply 'model, muse, mistress' but 'patron, painter, photographer' and much more.

According to Pliny the Elder, the first drawing was by a woman. Legend has it that the Corinthian Dibutades traced the shadow of her lover on a cave wall, yet this once popular legend contradicts the archaeological record. Cave painting predates the Graeco-Roman world by several thousand years, and the gender of the creators of prehistoric art is not known. What is known is that since antiquity women have participated in the visual arts; whether as subject, maker or patron.

Spanning history and art movements, this course will not only consider the lives and work of these often marginalised female art makers, commissioners and collectors and the obstacles they faced but also the socio-cultural conditions that shaped them and the representation of women in the visual arts and the wider culture - whether that be idealised, demonised, objectified or sexualised. Definitely not in any way a feminist rant, but rather a journey of discovery for all.

Additional information

No prior reading is required. A list of suggested reading will be provided during the course.

This course is suitable for all abilities, providing time to explore a subject for interest, among like-minded people, in an inclusive, supportive and friendly environment, without formal assessment.

Intended learning outcomes

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- discuss a range of historical and contemporary socio-cultural issues and debates associated with the role of female art practitioners and patrons throughout the history of art.
- consider a range of historical and contemporary socio-cultural issues and debates associated with the representation of women in art and culture.
- be conversant with the lives and work of a number of once culturally marginalised and/or unrepresented female art practitioners.
About the tutor

Jan Annoot holds a joint BA (Hons) degree in the History and Theory of Art and English Literature, and an MPhil in the History and Philosophy of Art, both from the University of Kent, as well as a PGCE from Canterbury Christ Church University. Jan’s wide-ranging teaching experience includes an eclectic range of Art History subjects at A Level, Access and, predominantly, degree level in a number of HE institutions. Jan has also been employed by the International Baccalaureate as an External Examiner (Visual Arts) and as External Moderator (Access to HE, specialising in Art) for the University of the Creative Arts for Laser Learning Awards. Her research and teaching interests are also varied, but include the Body/Gender/Feminism, Nineteenth Century French Art and Culture, Orientalism, Modernism and Postmodernism and the Renaissance. Her introductory essay ‘Mediating Desires’ in Beautifully Obscene: The History of the Erotic Print Exhibition Catalogue (Beautifully Obscene: The History of the Erotic Print, Studio 3 Gallery, University of Kent) was published in May 2015.
Short Course Programme
General information, terms & conditions

How to book a place
These courses are usually very popular so you are advised to apply as soon as possible. Places cannot be held without payment of the course fee.

- **Online Booking is preferred.** Please visit [www.kent.ac.uk/tonbridge](http://www.kent.ac.uk/tonbridge)
- **By post** to us at the address below, using the application form in the programme booklet. Please note that you will not receive an acknowledgment of your paper application; your payment will usually be processed when the course becomes financially viable, otherwise we will notify you of cancellation approximately seven days prior to the course. A paper application affirms acceptance of our terms & conditions.

Course cancellation
As these short courses are self-financing, each course can only proceed if there are sufficient enrolments. Therefore, if a course is cancelled due to insufficient enrolments we aim to notify applicants approximately one week before the course start date; if there is no suitable alternative course, we will refund the appropriate course fee in full. The University of Kent reserves the right to cancel a course for this or any other reason in which case the relevant course fee will be refunded in full. We advise that you do not buy books or other course materials until that particular course is confirmed as taking place: please contact us if you are unsure.

If you find it necessary to cancel your place on a course, please let us know as soon as possible. Refund requests, including the reason, should be made by email or in writing to us at the address below. We reserve the right to retain all or part of the course fee if you request a refund after 14 days of your online booking being made or paper application being received. Discretionary, partial refunds may be made, after the deduction of an administrative handling fee as follows:

- a course fee of up to and including £42 will incur an administrative handling fee of £10.00
- a course fee of £43 and over will incur an administrative handling fee of £12.50.

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- a) exclude any student if the student’s presence is making it difficult for the class to function properly
- b) cancel or amend the length of any course if the circumstances so warrant.

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- Refreshments are not provided; food and drink can be purchased from any of the nearby café outlets - we are closely situated to the High Street and town centre. A hot drink vending machine is usually available on the ground floor of this building.

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**Please contact us if you have any queries or would like to register your email address to receive our course information updates. We look forward to welcoming you here soon.**

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