

Jan Stejskal: Woman in the Middle Ages

(QWMA: courses on Wednesdays)

- 1) Problems of medieval "gender studies". Development and the state of the research. Medieval women in the sources (the absence of an authentic women's testimony in the sources).
- 2) The position of women in the ancient Roman society. Women and Judaism. Women and Christianity.
- 3) Medieval society – its standards and their development. The Church and the control of the society. The "nature of a woman" - a woman under protection. Women "good and bad".
- 4) Family and society in the early middle ages. Family and society in the late middle ages (Italy, Burgundy). The court and its culture.
- 5) Image of women. Women depicted.
- 6) Women in their own words. Women in the literature. The problem of authenticity of the sources.
- 7) Medieval household. Labor division in the terms of gender. Education of children. "Gender segregation".
- 8) Medieval feminine mysticism and its significance.
- 9) Developments in the Central Europe. Specifics of the region. Questions of "cultural delay". Women in the Hussite movement.
- 10) "Case studies" - Eve, Virgin Mary, Sarah, Heloise, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Hildegard of Bingen, Agnes of Bohemia, Catherine of Siena, Christine de Pisan