

This one-day conference is the last of a series of three dedicated to Mary of Guise (1515-1560) on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of her birth. The first two, initiated by the Universities of Reims and Lorraine, explored some biographical aspects of Mary of Guise's life: the first part, held in Bar-le-Duc in October 2015, focused on her upbringing in Lorraine and her life in France before her marriage to James V of Scotland, while the second one, which took place in Reims in February 2016, dealt with her years in Scotland first as Queen Consort (1538-1542), then as Queen Dowager (1542-1554) and finally as Regent (1554-1560).

This third conference aims at reuniting both perspectives by looking at Mary of Guise as a conduit between France and Scotland and vice versa in the crucial years of the Auld alliance. Part of Mary's failure was attributed to her attempt to introduce a French approach to government through, for instance, the aborted French-style tax reform suggested by Yves du Rubay, the French Vice-Chancellor. But her French background also accounts for her success in moving Scotland from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance through, for example, the refurbishment of several Scottish castles with the help of craftsmen from Lorraine.



MARY OF GUISE AS A CONDUIT BETWEEN LORRAINE, FRANCE AND SCOTLAND

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9h

Remerciements et introduction

■ Armel Dubois-Nayt (Université de Versailles
Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines)

Présidence : Christine Sukic (Université de Reims)

9h15

■ Franco-Scottish Ceremony in the Mid-Sixteenth
Century: Shared Conceptions of Rulership?
Mariana Brockmann (Royal Holloway University of
London)

■ Mary of Guise: Host, Guest and Politician.
John G. Harrison (independent scholar and
historical consultant)

Présidence : John G. Harrison

10h45

■ A too free conduit? When the flow of men
and ideas turned against Mary of Guise.
Eric Durot (University of York)

■ Mary of Guise enciphered letters: a safe
"conduit"?

Valérie Nacheff (Université de Cergy-Pontoise),
Jacques Patarin (UVSQ) et Armel Dubois-Nayt

12h

Pause déjeuner

Présidence : Amy Blakeway (University of Kent)

14h

■ Looking for Mary of Guise: the Stirling Heads as authentic portraits.
Sally Rush (University of Glasgow)

■ Franco-Scottish architectural exchanges c. 1536-c. 1560.
Ian Campbell (University of Edinburgh)

15h

Pause

Présidence : Ian Campbell

15h15

■ Marie de Guise's visit to France and England.
Amy Blakeway (University of Kent)

■ John Stuart, Duke of Albany: an expensive luxury that Scotland could ill
afford?
Bryony Coombs (University of Edinburgh)

16h20

Conclusions du cycle de journée d'études autour de Marie de Guise

■ Annette Bächstädt (Université de Reims)

■ Thomas Nicklas (Université de Reims)

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