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SPRING 2019 LECTURE SERIES

Monona Senior Center

Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Rd. in Monona, WI

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
10-11 AM

Affections and Absolutism: The Emotional Politics of the Sun King's Early Reign

In 1648, a rebellion known as the Fronde erupted across France. While it was defeated, it shaped the “Sun King” Louis XIV’s reign in ways historians are still uncovering. This talk will examine the emotional language and logics that rebels forged in the Fronde, as well as the King’s use of defeated rebels’ own rhetorical weapons to reinforce the nascent absolutist monarchy. In doing so, we will explore both the central role of feelings in constructing Europe’s most powerful monarchy, and the popular roots of the ideas that helped to empower the Sun King.



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