Madame de Maintenon’s Dramatic Proverbs: Rehearsing for the Future

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Composed for the female pupils at the boarding school in Saint-Cyr, Madame de Maintenon’s dramatic proverbs (1690-1710) crucially reveal the values emphasized in female education at the end of the seventeenth century, a period plagued by economic crisis and growing aristocratic poverty. Join us for the lecture and a staged reading of several of the proverbs.

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