The Gender Politics of Plants in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World

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Reception to follow lecture
Lecture and reception are free of charge and open to the public

Prof. Schiebinger will discuss European bioprospecting in the Caribbean in the eighteenth century and address how gender relations in Europe and the colonies honed selective collecting practices among naturalists. While much literature on colonial science has focused on how knowledge is made and moved between continents and heterodox traditions, Prof. Schiebinger explores instances of the nontransfer of important bodies of knowledge from the New World into Europe. In doing so, she develops a new methodological tool, "agnatology," or the study of culturally-induced ignorances. Agnatology refocuses questions about "how we know" to include questions about what we do not know, and why not.

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