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Series 2 2009

WOMEN IN SOCIETY – PERCEPTION AND REALITY

This is a repeat course

Dates: Wednesday, 3 June – Wednesday, 8 July 2009

Time: 2.15 - 4.15 pm

Venue: Salmond College, Knox Street, North East Valley

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Sue Cathro (467 5474)

Course Assistant: Judith Gray (471 9913)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday 13 May 2009, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 22 May.

Any questions about courses after 22 May should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

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The course will be presented by Dr Dorothy Page, formerly of the Department of History, University of Otago. It is a repeat of the course first presented by Dr Page in 2008.

This course deals with aspects of European women's lives and experiences from the Middle Ages to the early Twentieth Century. The topic will be treated both broadly and narrowly. On the one hand, it will consider changes over time in the patterns of women's lives, their legal status and how they were perceived, taking into account both class and marital status. On the other, it will investigate the lives and experiences of a number of individual women. The latter part of the course, dealing with the women's movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, will focus on Britain.

The Lecture Programme

3 June Medieval Europe

- (a) Perception and reality of women's role – marriage, the religious life, the towns.
- (b) Two exceptional women: Joan of Arc and Christine of Pizan.

10 June The Early Modern Era

- (a) Women of the Renaissance and the Reformation
- (b) The witch hunts

17 June The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries

- (a) Women's lives in England and France: city, countryside and court
- (b) Mary Astell and Mary Wortley Montagu

24 June The Age of Enlightenment and Revolution

- (a) Women of the Enlightenment: Rousseau's teachings; the salons.
- (b) Mary Wollstonecraft. Women of the French Revolution.

1 July The Nineteenth Century

The Impact of the Industrial Revolution on

- (a) working class women: factory work, domestic service, prostitution
- (b) middle class women: 'separate spheres'; philanthropy; married women's rights.

8 July The Women's Movement and the Impact of War

- (a) Votes for Women
- (b) The First World War and its Aftermath