



# The Chesterfield Egyptology Society

Are proud to present an illustrated Zoom lecture on



“When Women Ruled the World”



**Date:** Saturday 17th July at 5.15pm.

The lecture lasts approximately 1hr 45mins and will include a 70 minute talk, break and Question and Answer session

**Speaker:** Prof. Kara Cooney: Professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture and Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA.

**Location:** Live via Zoom

**Price :** £10, ticket can be purchased through the Eventbrite Website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ancient-egypt-when-women-ruled-the-world-by-prof-kara-cooney-tickets-157680846657>

**Requirements:** No previous knowledge required; our group is aimed at everyone with a love of ancient Egypt.

A woman's power in ancient Egypt (and perhaps even today) was always compromised from the outset, and this lecture will address the root causes of this social inequality.

The female king of Egypt, Hatshepsut, was able to take the throne for a considerable length of time, but she could only do so by sharing power with a male ruler.

Cleopatra attempted to use her sexuality and money to build alliances with warlords of the Roman empire and keep its imperial exploitation at bay.

Women in power in ancient Egypt were exceptions, and, for the most part, served as mere placeholders.

Given this social reality in the ancient world, how then did women negotiate their limited leadership roles?

Were they able to rule “behind the throne” so to speak? How are we to find a woman's power when it was so habitually cloaked by a man's dominance? This lecture will address those questions and ask how much of this ancient reality still touches us today.

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