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This series is intended to promote interaction within the university community, whereby ECU faculty members of Medieval & Renaissance Studies present aspects of their research. These informal presentations are followed by questions and discussion.

presents:

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**“Politics, cultural projects and the safe female:
María de Molina, three times queen”**



THURSDAY, 15 November at 5:15 pm

Brewster B-204

María de Molina (c. 1265 – 1321), was the wife of Sancho IV of Castile. She was queen consort of Castile and León from 1284 to 1285, queen regent until the coming of age of her son Ferdinand IV, and queen regent until her death of her grandson Alphonse XI. Historians credit her with saving the monarchy for her children and grandchildren and also with being the engine behind the cultural projects of her husband. Professor Martínez analyzes the representation of this queen in the *Crónica de Sancho IV* as a way to understand queenship and the exercise of power in 13th and 14th century Castile.