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**The Forgotten Women in Architecture and Construction Work**

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Lecture 1. Women in Architecture and Construction throughout Human History

Abstract: This lecture reviews the role that women have played in architecture and construction work throughout recorded history. It begins with a discussion of the earliest account of women construction workers in Medieval Europe[[1]](#footnote-1) and proceeds through description of the role of women in the modern construction industry.

This lecture also reviews the role of women in architecture, beginning in Medieval Europe and ending in the present era. In addition, this lecture focuses specifically on the contributions of these women:

* + Denise Scott Brown
  + Eileen Gray
  + Lady Elizabeth Wilbraham
  + Lilly Reich, Louise Bethune
  + Marion Mahony Griffin
  + Plautilla Bricci
  + Sophia Hayden Bennett

1. Suggested Readings
   1. Architecture
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      2. John Millar The first woman architect, Architectural Digest, November 11, 2011, <https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/the-first-woman-architect/8608009.article>
   2. Construction
      1. Yilmaz Hatipkarasulu & Shelley E. Roff, Women in Construction: An Early Historical Perspective, 47th ASC Annual International Conference Proceedings (2011), PDF version supplied in Dropbox folder.
      2. Clarke, Linda & Wall, Chris, “Omitted from History: Women in the Building Trades, Présenté pendant: Second International Congress on Construction History, Queens' College, Cambridge University; 29/03-02/04/2006 (2006), PDF version supplied in Dropbox folder.
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1. Shelley E. Roff, “Appropriate to Her Sex”? Women’s Participation on the Construction Site in Medieval and Early Modern Europe 109, in T. Earenfight (Ed.), *Women and Wealth in Late Medieval Europe (The New Middle Age*s (2010). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)