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Dissertation

"Lingua angelica nonché umana": for a hermeneutics of symbolic language in Joan Mary of the Cross

The research along three main axes aims to explore the cultural horizon of Bernardina Floriani, reconstructing the universe of her readings through the catalogues of the libraries of the Trentino Franciscan province. Secondly, by contextualising her discourse against the backdrop of the great European querelle on mystical languages and showing how the writer's expressive exuberance constitutes, compared to the apophatic paradigm that will still dominate twentieth-century exegesis, an invitation to rethink the notion of "mysticism" from a multiform perspective. Finally, the analysis of the symbolic imagination shows how, through the interweaving of these 'embroideries of heaven', the iconosphere of a kaleidoscopic spiritual feeling founded on joy and mercy is created.

Research interests / Fields of expertise

Early-Modern Mysticism, spirituality, symbolism

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