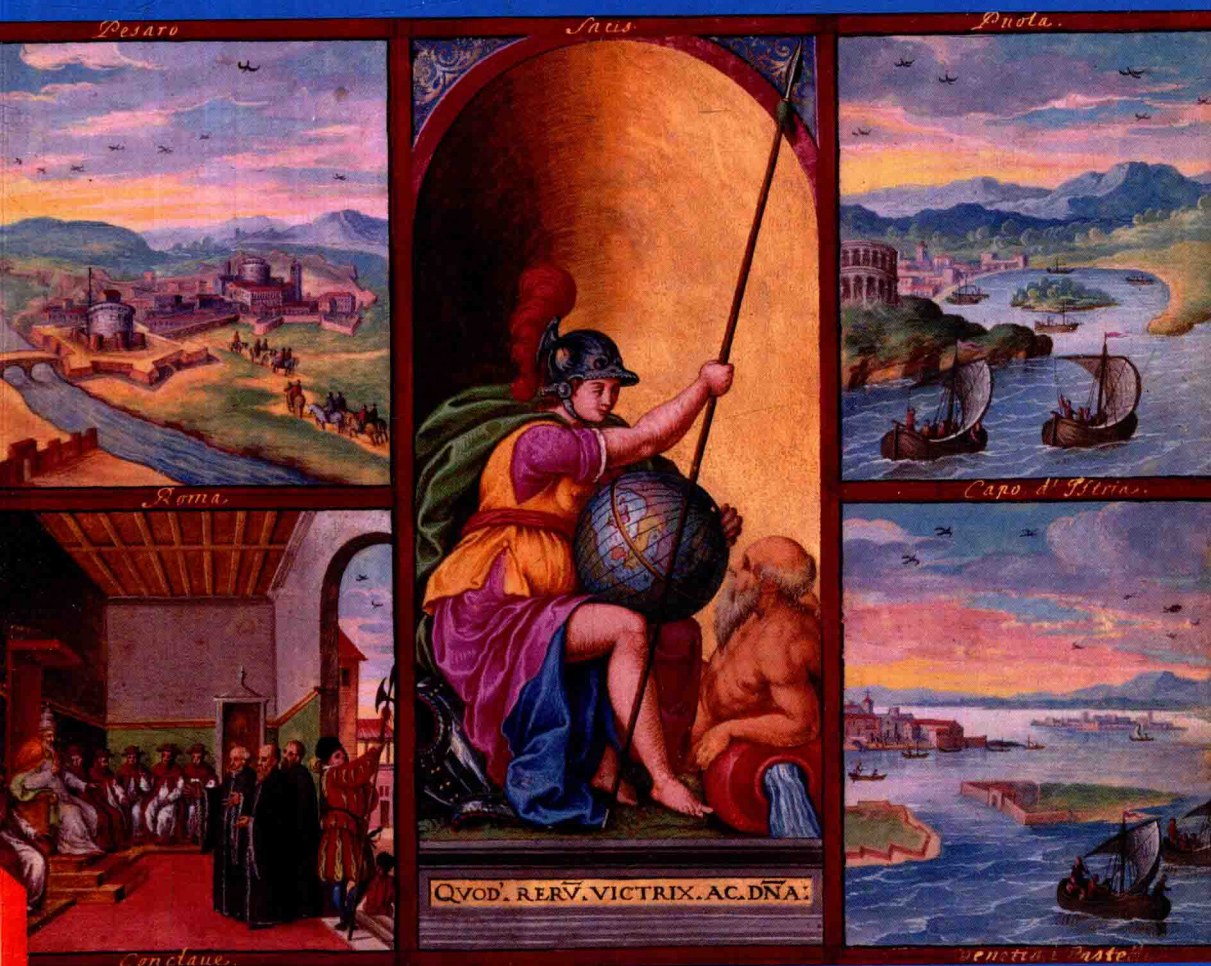


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For too long, the 'centre' of the Renaissance has been considered to be Rome and the art produced in, or inspired by it. This collection of essays dedicated to Deborah Howard brings together an impressive group of internationally recognised scholars of art and architecture to showcase both the diversity within and the porosity between the 'centre' and 'periphery' in Renaissance art. Without abandoning Rome, but together with other centres of art production, the essays both shift their focus away from conventional categories and bring together recent trends in Renaissance studies, notably a focus on cultural contact, material culture and historiography. They explore the material mechanisms for the transmission and evolution of ideas, artistic training and networks, as well as the dynamics of collaboration and exchange between artists, theorists and patrons. The chapters, each with a wealth of groundbreaking research and previously unpublished documentary evidence, as well as innovative methodologies, reinterpret Italian art relating to canonical sites and artists such as Michelangelo, Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese, and Sebastiano del Piombo, in addition to showcasing the work of several hitherto neglected architects, painters, and an inimitable engineer-inventor.

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Foreword: 'More hours in the day than anyone else': the multifaceted life of Deborah Howard

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Some scholars are prodigious writers with an impressive publication list, in terms of quality as well as quantity, some are enthusiastic participants in conferences, some are particularly good at administration, some are great teachers and some, but not all, are wonderful human beings. Deborah Howard is all these things and more (Plate 1). To do her justice is a daunting task, but I am grateful for the opportunity.

How can we account for Deborah's extraordinary career? Was it because she was born in the dead centre of the Borough of London in the City of Westminster?¹ Indeed, the view of Parliament from across the Thames seems strikingly predictive of a scholarly career that would focus on the architecture of Venice, a city whose palace of state was also best viewed from the water.

Or was it because she spent her undergraduate years at Newnham College? Founded in 1871, it was the second Cambridge college to admit women and remains all female. Some studies suggest that women achieve more in a single-sex learning environment and, indeed, distinguished alumnae of Newnham include the writer Dame Iris Murdoch, the feminist Germaine Greer and the primatologist/anthropologist Dame Jane Goodall.² And, of course, Deborah, who earned a first class BA degree with honours in the Architecture and Fine Arts Tripos in 1968 (Figure 0.1). But that was only the beginning, and the answer to our query may emerge more clearly as we follow her personal and professional trajectory over time.

For her graduate studies, Deborah returned to London and studied the history of art and architecture at the Courtauld Institute. Her productivity was apparent early on. During her graduate years, she published her first book, a little 16-page text on Canaletto, in 1970, three years before receiving her PhD, along with an article on the followers of Claude Lorrain and an essay on Bakst's designs for Diaghilev's *Sleeping Princess*.³ But the first piece relating to Deborah's thesis on Jacopo Sansovino in Piazza San Marco and what would become her area of specialisation – Renaissance Venice – came out in 1973,



0.1 Deborah in the Botanic Gardens, Cambridge, 1966. (Photo: Nick Roberts)