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Biographical Summary



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Uncovering Historical Silences: Female Experience Amidst the Japanese Invasion of Korea (1592-1598)

In times of war, the most vulnerable often endure the greatest hardships. Tragically, women and children emerge as the primary victims of such circumstances. However, our global historiography of slavery has traditionally upheld a conservative perspective, thereby neglecting the nuanced aspects of slavery concerning gender and age. This neglect could be attributed to various factors, ranging from deeply ingrained patriarchal societal structures that subordinate women to the normalization of violence against females.

The studies examining the Japanese invasion of Korea from 1592 to 1598 have intriguingly omitted the voices of women and children, rendering their experiences virtually invisible. This omission is striking, particularly considering that the enslavement of females and children constituted a significant facet of this tumultuous period. Plunging into this oversight, our aim is to rectify the gap by resurrecting the narratives of these disregarded women and children. They were subjected to the systematic suppression of their freedoms and exploited by unscrupulous slave traders and purchasers who capitalized on their suffering for personal gain.

We invite you to join us in this conference as we cast a spotlight on the often-dismissed tales of women and children amidst times of conflict and delve into the untold narratives of female and juvenile enslavement within the context of the Japanese invasion of Korea.