## FRENCH, HISPANIC ITALIAN STUDIES



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## Translating Annihilation:

Observations on Medieval French, Italian and English Versions of Marguerite Porete's 'Mirouer des simples ames anienties'

Marguerite Porete's pseudo-dramatic work of apophatic theology, known as the 'Mirouer des simples ames anienties' ('Mirror of Simple, Annihilated Souls'), aims to discuss the annihilation of the self, in French, at a time when the French language was undergoing major changes in the structures of negation. This made translation of this text quite a challenge. In this talk, some fundamental and stylistic differences between the Medieval French, English and Italian versions will be discussed.

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