

Radical Renaissance Writers – Pre-Class Activities

Week 6: Archangela Tarabotti

(c. 1604 – 1652)

Archangela Tarabotti – born Elena Cassandra Tarabotti – was a Venetian nun and writer, who lived for most of her life in the Benedictine convent of Sant’Anna in Venice. Several of her works expose and criticise the practice of enforced monastic enclosure on young girls.



1. Read the extracts from the opening pages of Tarabotti’s treatise *Paternal Tyranny*.

This week... you’re the teacher! Create some questions and/or worksheet activities to help your students explore these extracts from Tarabotti’s writing in light of the themes of our course.¹

- Please share any questions you come up with on the communal wall before the start of class:

<https://padlet.com/forteacademy/tarabotti>

¹ Feel free to take inspiration from previous worksheet activities for Weeks 1 – 5.