



## Re-reading **Curie**



by Xavier Roqué



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**As the best-known woman scientist of the twentieth century and popular scientific icon, Marie Skłodowska Curie has long been subject to scholarly and media attention. Under the spell of Eve Curie's best-selling biography (*Madame Curie*, Doubleday, 1937), she was mostly portrayed as a pure, disinterested scientist, but over the last two decades a different image has taken shape.**

Focusing on the material and gender culture of radioactivity and the industrial relations of the new science, historians have portrayed Curie not just as a prominent radioactivist, but also as an entrepreneurial scientist and as a researcher who pioneered the joint management of domestic and professional life. In this talk I will discuss recent work and suggest new readings of Curie's life and work.

Activity in English

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**1:00 pm**

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