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This talk will be held in English

‘Sun, roses, fruit, warmth’:

Katherine Mansfield, D. H. Lawrence and Aldous Huxley on the Med

From the mid-nineteenth century up to the Second World War, the French Mediterranean coast was perceived as a health-restoring refuge for sufferers of tuberculosis, with its mild climate and proximity to the sea. In addition, for writers and artists in particular, the beauty of the Mediterranean landscape frequently provided creative inspiration. Katherine Mansfield, D. H. Lawrence and Aldous Huxley were three writers all of whom had, intermittently, shared a close friendship. All three would travel to the south of France, in Bandol, staying at the same hotel – the Beau Rivage – at different times, and for different reasons. This talk will explore the time spent by all three writers in Bandol and Sanary-sur-Mer, and assess the influence the area had on their creativity.

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Dr Gerri Kimber is Visiting Professor in the Department of English at the University of Northampton, UK. She is the author or editor of nearly 40 books, and has contributed chapters to many other volumes, in addition to numerous journal articles and reviews, notably for the *Times Literary Supplement* and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*. She was President of the Katherine Mansfield Society for ten years (2010–2020). Due to her international reputation, Gerri has made numerous media appearances on national radio and television in both New Zealand and the UK and has been invited as a keynote speaker all over the world, including the prestigious Cunard cruise line. She has recently been commissioned to write a new biography of Katherine Mansfield for Reaktion Books.