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Sophie Ambler joined Lancaster University as a Lecturer in Later Medieval British and European History in 2017. Her research explores political ethics and war in the central and later Middle Ages. This includes England's first revolution, when Simon de Montfort earl of Leicester (d.1265) led a campaign to seize power from the king and establish conciliar government.

Prior to joining Lancaster, Sophie Ambler was a researcher at the University of East Anglia, where she worked on the Magna Carta Project. Prior to that, from 2012-13, she was a researcher for the Breaking of Britain project, which explored the period leading up to the Wars of Independence. She took her PhD at King's College London with joint supervision at University College London, and was Thornley Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and secretary of the Pipe Roll Society, a convenor of the Late Medieval Seminar at the Institute of Historical Research and enjoys writing for and speaking to a broader public audience, whether through talks, TV, radio or print. Her book, *The Song of Simon de Montfort*, is published by OUP in 2019.