



## THE FAMILY IN QUESTION: **THE CECILS**

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

A burly and gregarious innkeeper in Stamford, David Cecil, rose to become Sergeant-at-Arms to Henry VIII. His grandson William Cecil, first Baron Burghley, as Secretary of State to Elizabeth I, rescued the monarchy and built the great Elizabethan 'prodigy building', Burghley House. His son Robert Cecil 1st Earl of Salisbury, brilliant spy, was Secretary of State to both Elizabeth I and James I; he rebuilt Hatfield House and patronised the composers Orlando Gibbons and William Byrd. In the 19c, Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, characterised as "deeply neurotic, depressive, agitated...self-effacing but capable of extraordinary competitiveness," served as powerful Foreign Secretary and then Prime Minister for three terms in the 1880s and 90s, totalling 13 years. The eccentric Oxford tutor and Professor of English Literature, Lord David Cecil, became renowned as historian and biographer of Augustus John, Max Beerbohm and Edward Burne-Jones. This study day precedes a limited participant exclusive INSCAPE two-day private visit to Burghley House with priority given to attendees of this study day.

All *Culture in Question* lectures take place in the Art Workers Guild, Bloomsbury. Please join us for coffee at 10.30 (optional), the lecture at 11, and a light lunch with wine served at 1pm. The event ends by 3.30 p.m. Cost: £85 INSCAPE members, £95 non-members. First time guests are welcome at no cost.