27 October 2017; 10:15 – 18:00 h.
Radboud University Nijmegen
Montessorilaan 3; Spinoza building SP3; Thomas van Aquino building 8.00, 12-14
Cenakel Church, Heilig Land Stichting
Language: English

Please register by sending an e-mail to ozsmed@rug.nl, before 17 October 2017, mentioning ‘Medieval Studies Day 2017’. Please also mention in your registration message whether you will attend the afternoon tour and reception at the Cenakel Church.

You are requested to pay your contribution of €10 for coffee, tea, and lunch before 20 October 2017 to the account: NL62INGB0002333985, with the reference “kostenplaatsnummer 2380533”, in the name of Stg. KU –Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen FDL, Postbus 9103, 6500 HD, NIJMEGEN

Those who wish to present their current research are asked to read the announcement below and send their proposal by 5 October. Participating ReMa students who write a short paper obtain 1 ECTS. Please register via ozsmed@rug.nl.

Programme

Spinoza building, SP3

10:15 Registration (with coffee/tea)
10:30 Welcome
10.35 Catrien Santing (Director of the Dutch Research School for Medieval Studies)
10.45 Daniela Müller (Radboud University Nijmegen), ‘Ex oriente periculum’. Heresy as infectious disease from the East in the perception of Latin Christianity.
11.45 First round of PhD and project presentations in parallel sessions
   (programme to be announced)
   Thomas van Aquino building 8.00, Montessorilaan 3, rooms 12, 13 and 14

12.45 Lunch (Refter Radboud University)

   Spinoza building, SP 3
14.30 Break (with coffee/tea)
14.45 Second round of PhD and project presentations in parallel sessions
   (programme to be announced)
   Thomas van Aquino (TvA) 8.00, Montessorilaan 3, rooms 12, 13 and 14
15.45 Break
Perceptions of East and West in the Middle Ages

No one today will deny the importance of mutual knowledge and understanding between East and West. The 23rd Medieval Studies Day 2017 in Nijmegen will address perceptions of East and West in the Middle Ages. Throughout the Middle Ages the three main heirs of the Roman Empire – the European, Byzantine and Islamic Worlds – fought in war and met through pilgrimage, diplomatic and scholarly exchanges and trade. Their experiences and perceptions were written down in a wide variety of sources. They were informed by mutual animosity, but also by interest and curiosity. On the Medieval Studies Day we will explore the diverse and sometimes contradictory perceptions of East and West.

During the morning’s general session, Daniela Müller (Radboud University) will reflect on (perceptions of) relations between heresy and the East in medieval Europe. In the afternoon’s general session Remke Kruk (Leiden University) will explore medieval Arabic views on Europe in geographical texts and popular epic literature. During the parallel sessions, we have a chance to hear about research currently carried out by PhD’s and new projects on the Middle Ages. We will then move to the Cenakel Church, a unique building inspired by Eastern architectural styles. The Medieval Studies Day will end with drinks in the church. All papers will be presented in English to allow all scholars, PhD students and Research MA students to take part.

The easiest way to reach the campus of the Radboud University is by bus. If you arrive by train take bus no. 10. When you leave the station, bus no. 10 stops in front of the bicycle and taxi stand at your right hand. Get off at bus stop Spinozagebouw/Tandheelkunde.
Medieval Studies (including at least all new projects), and via short presentations by PhD students (including at least all new students).

The presentations on the Medieval Studies Day by newly appointed PhD students are a fixed part of the training programme for the research school. We are of course aware that these and other research projects may still be in the early stages, but it is always a good idea to inform a wider academic audience about research plans early on. You can make your project known via a short PowerPoint presentation and use the opportunity to get to know colleagues interested in your research. Your presentation should include information about your line of approach, the general research question, and a brief description of your material.

Presentations of other (new and ongoing) research projects in the field are also highly appreciated by the audience.

Proposals

In order to arrange the programme in good time, we would appreciate receiving your proposal by 5 October. Please send an e-mail message to Maaike van Berkel (m.vanberkel@let.ru.nl), mentioning your name, affiliation, and the title of your presentation.

Presentations will be organised into parallel sessions. Each presentation may last up to 20 minutes, leaving ample time for discussion.

As soon as we know how many presentations there are, you will be sent more precise information.

Please do not forget your ‘normal’ registration as a participant in the Medieval Studies Day by sending an email to ozmed@rug.nl!

Kind Regards,
Maaike van Berkel