

Medieval Midlands 2018
Postgraduate Conference

Boundaries and Frontiers in the Middle Ages



Friday 4th and Saturday 5th May 2018

A02, Highfield House,
University of Nottingham

Keynote Speaker:
Dr Jonathan Jarrett
University of Leeds

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Conference Programme

Friday 4th May

10:00 Registration

10:30 Opening Remarks

Panel 1: Faith-Based Boundaries

10:45 Introduction to Panel

10:50 'The Parish, Suburb and City: A Discussion of Boundaries in the Pious Lives of Fifteenth-Century Bristolians'

Esther Lewis (University of Nottingham)

11:05 'The Disgusting Languedoc: Boundaries of the Mind and the Revival of Heresy in the 12th Century'

Tim McManus (University of Nottingham)

11:20 'Behind That Wall: Jewish Communities and Ambiguities of Neighbourliness in Medieval Spain'

Virginia Ghelarducci (Institute of Latin American Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London)

11:35 Panel Discussion

12:00 Tea and coffee break

Panel 2: Occupational Boundaries

12:30 Introduction to Panel

12:35 'Men of Blood: The Church's Textual Response to Mercenary Violence, 1179-1215'

Mark Robinson (Nottingham Trent University)

12:50 'Physician, Apothecary, Surgeon or Quack? The Medieval Roots of Professional Boundaries in Later Medieval Practice'

Christopher Booth (University of Nottingham)

13:05 Panel Discussion

13:30 Lunch

Panel 3: Dividing and Connecting Polities

14:30 Introduction to Panel

14:35 Living in a Frontier Region in Late Sixth Century Byzantine Italy
Alessandro Carabia (University of Birmingham)

14:50 ‘Their treason undid them’: Crossing the Boundary Between Scottish and English in Barbour’s *Bruce*
Callum Watson (University of Edinburgh)

15:05 ‘The Teeth of the Taurus: Understanding the Frontiers of Asia Minor, c.650-950’
Carl Dixon (University of Nottingham)

15:20 ‘On the Border – Roads, Boundaries and Settlements in Mercia’
Graham Aldred (University of Leicester)

15:35 ‘Bullion, Barter and Borders in the Rus’ Coinless Period, 11-14th c.’
Alex M Feldman (University of Birmingham)

16:00 Panel Discussion

16:20 **Closing Remarks for the Day**

16:40 Tea and Coffee Break

Keynote Lecture:

17.00

‘Local Élites and Frontier Lordship, in Medieval Iberia and Beyond’

Dr Jonathan Jarret (University of Leeds)

17:40 Question and Answer Session

18:00 Wine Reception

18:45 End of Day

Saturday 5th May

10:00 Opening Remarks

Panel 4: “Real” Boundaries

10:15 Introduction to Panel

10:20 ‘Frontiers of Faith: The Impact of the Insular British Frontier upon the Identity of Furness Abbey’

Christopher Tinmouth (University of Lancaster)

10:35 ‘Between Day and Night in Anglo-Saxon England’

Harry Wilkinson (University of Leicester)

10:50 ‘The Epirote Frontier – the Republic of Venice and Carlo II Tocco’

Robin Alexander Shields (Royal Holloway, University of London)

11:05 Tea and Coffee Break

11:35 ‘High Paths, Poetic Feet: Walking the Boundaries in Saga Verse’

Katherine Rich (University of York)

11:50 “... the priest reported that Grettir was certainly dead”: Disputed Boundaries between Life and Death in the Family Sagas’

Judith Higman (ASNC, University of Cambridge)

12:05 Panel Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Panel 5: Conceptual Boundaries

13:30 Introduction to Panel

13:35 ‘Dreams Come True: Predicting the Future in Late Anglo-Saxon England’

James Aitcheson (University of Nottingham)

13:50 ‘Emotional Boundaries in Chaucer’s *Book of the Duchess*’

Julia O’Connell (Trinity College Dublin)

- 14:05 'Boundaries of Female Agency in the *Ynglinga Saga*'
Markus Eldegard Mindrebø (Royal Holloway, University of London)
- 14:20 Panel Discussion
- 14:45 **Closing Remarks for the Conference**
- 15:15 Tea and Coffee; Feedback Session
- 16:15 End of Day

Poster Presentations

Posters will be available for viewing throughout the conference, and their presenters will be available to answer any question during tea and coffee breaks.

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