CALL FOR PAPERS

“Living on the Edge: Transgression, Exclusion, and Persecution in the Middle Ages”

Barcelona, 17–19 May 2017

It is widely accepted that the essence of a manuscript cannot be fully grasped without studying its marginalia. Glosses, the most medieval of techniques, sit on the margins of the text and clarify it, adding a whole new dimension to it and becoming an inextricable part of its content. Similarly, no society can be fully understood without knowledge of what lies on its margins, for the outliers of any given culture provide us with just as much information as its alleged foundational principles. At a time when the Western world ponders building up walls against perceived threats and frightening differences, it seems especially important to recall that it is mostly through tearing down walls that we learned our way forward.

The conference “Living on the Edge: Transgression, Exclusion, and Persecution in the Middle Ages” aims to address the widespread medieval phenomenon of transgression as both a result of and the cause for the exclusion and persecution of those who were considered different.

We invite papers from postgraduate and early career scholars that explore social, gender, sexual, religious, political, intellectual, and artistic transgression, as well as those that analyse the different instances of exclusion and persecution of individuals and communities in the medieval period. We welcome scholars from a range of disciplines, including history, philology, art history, philosophy, and archaeology to submit proposals for 20 minute papers.

Please email an abstract of no more than 300 words to congress.ardit@ub.edu by the 31st of January 2017 including your personal details (name, affiliation, and contact address). The main language of the conference will be English but papers in Catalan, Spanish, Galician, French, Italian, and Portuguese are also welcome.
The Scientific Committee will consider all proposals and we will communicate its decision by the end of February. The best papers presented during the conference will be selected for publication in a monograph.

The conference will also include three keynote lectures and a final round-table, as well as opportunities for networking, and guided tours of some of Barcelona’s medieval landmarks.

Registration fee: 20 € (free of charge for members of ARDIT Cultures Medievals)

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