

Medieval monks, nuns and monastic life

**21st Biennial Symposium of the International Medieval Sermon Studies Society
in memory of Phyllis Roberts**

Sunday 15 July – Friday 20 July 2018

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Provisional programme (as of 28 June 2018)

Sunday, 15 July 2018

14.00 – 17.15 Registration and check-in

17.15 – 17.25 Welcome by the local organizers

17:25-17:50 Welcome by IMSSS President, Laura Gaffuri

18.00 – 19.00 Keynote address: Brian McGuire (Roskilde University), *Bernard the Preacher: In search of intimacy*

19.00 – 20.00 Reception

20.00 – 21.00 Dinner

Monday, 16 July 2018

07.30 – 08.45 Breakfast

09.30 – 10.30 Keynote address:

Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna), *Words for life, spoken and written: Monasticism and homiletics in Byzantium*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00– 12.30 **Preaching in Monastic and Scholastic Contexts**

Anne Greule (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität), *Know thyself, know God – Alan of Lille preaching De contemptu sui to monks and scholars*

James Clark (University of Exeter), *The preaching of university monks in medieval England*

Jan Odstřilík (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften), *Between monastery and university: Different communication strategies in the sermons of Henry of Totting of Oyta*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.15 – 15.45 **Vernacular Sermons and the Intellectual Life of Women Religious in the Germanic Regions**

Mathilde van Dijk (University of Groningen), *Sermons and collations in Diepenveen*

Stephen Mossman (University of Manchester), *German sermons and the literary and intellectual culture of the early Dominican Observance: A case-study from Strasbourg*

Rita Voltmer (University of Trier), *The true fruits of a cloistered life: Johannes Geiler of Kaisersberg and the convents in Strasbourg*

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **From Mother to Son, Latin to the Vernacular: Cistercian Sermons**

Stephan Borgehammar (Lund University), *The Virgin Mary in an anonymous Cistercian sermon collection from early thirteenth-century Sweden*

Victoria Smirnova (Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow), *Everyone and his brothers: actual and intended audience in Caesarius of Heisterbach's homilies of Jesus's childhood*

Beata Spieralska-Kasprzyk (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), *Les sermons de saint Bernard et leur traduction française*

17.45 – 19.45 **Business meeting for members of the IMSSS**

20:00 – 21.00 Dinner

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

08.45 – 10.15 Vernacular Sermons and the Intellectual Life of Women Religious in the Germanic Regions

Thom Mertens (University of Antwerp), *The Jhesus collacien-complex*

Patricia Stoop (University of Antwerp), *Janne Colijn's sermons as transmitters of intellectual knowledge in the Augustinian convent of Jericho in Brussels*

John Van Engen (University of Notre Dame), *Prioress Alijt Bake of Galilee in Ghent as preacher and teacher*

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.30 Preaching by Monks and Regular Canons

William H. Campbell (University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg), *Monastic preaching to the laity in thirteenth-century England*

Cécile Caby (Université Lyon2-Lumière), *La prédication en chapitre dans les ordres monastiques et canoniaux (fin XII^e-fin XV^e siècle)*

11.30 – 12.30 Monastic Preaching in Late Medieval England

Christine Cooper Rompato (Utah State University), *Sermons on Pentecost in medieval England: monastic, mendicant and more*

Veronica O'Mara (University of Hull), *Preaching to nuns in the Norwich diocese on the eve of the Reformation: the evidence from visitation records*

12.40 – 13.25 Lunch

13.30 Departure from Wills Hall to Bristol city centre

13.45 Arrival in Bristol city centre; tours of medieval Bristol and/or free time

18.30 Departure from Bristol city centre to Wills Hall

18.45 Arrival Wills Hall

19.00 Dinner

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

09.15 – 10.45 Dominican sermons on monasticism

Lidia Negoi (Independent Scholar), Christi Sponse *and* Filie Iherusalem: *nuns in Nicholas Eymerich's model sermons*

Martina Wehrli-Johns (Universität Zürich), A *collacio* to the Nuns of Schönensteinbach by Johannes of Mainz OP

Andrea Radošević (Old Church Slavonic Institute, Zagreb), *Monks as characters in the late medieval sermon collection – Sermones Discipuli written by German Dominican Johannes Herolt*

10.45 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 – 12.15 Medieval Monastic Sermons: Carolingian and Irish Examples

Christoph Galle (University of Marburg), *Preaching in early medieval Frankish monasteries: The Carolingian sermon collections*

Jesse Harrington (University of Cambridge), *Secular oppression, monastic malediction, and the Book of Job in the tenth-century vernacular homiletic Life of Saint Adamnán*

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Late Medieval Sermons in Islam and Christianity: Gender and Devotion

Linda Jones (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), *And God equated the remembrance of the pious women and the pious men: Discourses of gender equality and difference in the sermons of the Shu'ayb al-Hurayfish (d. 1398)*

Travis Stevens (Harvard University), *Revisiting gender in Bernard of Clairvaux's Sermons on the Song of Songs*

Lenka Panušková (Institute of Art History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
Visualising a sermon: Preaching and female devotion in early fourteenth-century Bohemia

Kirsty Schut (Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto), *Sermons for Dominican nuns in fourteenth-century Naples*

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break:

16:30 – 18:00 **Poster session (see final page for list of posters and presenters)**

19.30 dinner

Thursday, 19 July 2018

06.45 – 07.40 Breakfast

07.50 Departure for Downside Abbey

09.00 – 11.30 coffee, followed by visits of Downside Abbey, its library, and a display of manuscripts

11.30 – 12.25 Workshop: led by Dr Edward Sutcliffe, University of Bristol

12.30 – 12.50 Monastic liturgical office with the monks of Downside, followed by a greeting by the Prior

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch with the monks of Downside

13.55 – 15.25 **Late Antique and Early Medieval Monastic Sermons**

Jerzy Szafranowski (University of Warsaw), *The earliest instances of monastic pastoral activity in Gaul*

Nikolas O. Hoel (Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago), *Monasticism in the homilies of Gregory the Great*

Ilya Dines (Library of Congress, Washington D.C.), *The Physiologus and its role in monastic preaching and education*

15.35 Departure for Wells

16.00 – 18.15 Wells – free to visit the cathedral and surrounding area

18.15 Departure for Symposium Dinner

19.30 Symposium Dinner

Friday, 20 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

08.45 – 09.45 **Coptic and Greek Monastic Homilies on Predestination and the Afterlife**
Anna Rogozhina (National Research University HSE Moscow), *Preaching about the fate of the soul: Coptic monastic homilies and its impact on medieval Coptic hagiography*

Dirk Krausmüller (University of Vienna), *Theodore of Stoudios' engagement in contemporary debates about asceticism, predestination, clairvoyance & the vision of God*

09.45 – 10.45 Camaldolese Preaching in Late Medieval Italy

Daniela Delcorno Branca (University of Bologna), *La cura monialium d'un camaldule: culture humaniste, ascétique, patristique*

Giacomo Mariani (Fondazione San Carlo in Modena and Central European University), *Camaldolese preaching in Renaissance Florence: Declamations and instructions to preachers in Paolo Orlandini's Gymnastica monachorum*

10.45 – 11.15: Coffee break

11.15 – 11.30: **Remembering Phyllis Roberts**
Anne Thayer (Lancaster Seminary)

11:30 – 12:30: **Roundtable Discussion**

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch and departure (except of course for those who are staying an extra night)

POSTERS

Barr, Beth Alison	Baylor University	Gendered networks? Women, Dominicans, and John Mirk's <i>Festial</i> in fifteenth-century England
Bériou, Nicole & Burghart, Marjorie	IRHT & CNRS	Small is beautiful: The treasures of Ms. Paris, BnF, NAL 3245
Catalán Casanova, Oriol	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	French and Spanish sermons in Catalan Benedictine monasteries
Claeson, Erik	Lund University	Medieval sermons on saints in Sweden: Rhetoric and theology
Debby, Nirit Ben-Aryeh	Ben-Gurion University	Crusade sermons and visual propaganda in Italy
Delcorno, Pietro	Central European University	Discussing religious life in Paradise: The <i>Quadragesimale peregrini</i>
Franchini, Antonio Marson	Archivio di Stato di Modena	Two sermons on St Benedict from Paris of the XIIIth century. Their edition and comparison
Hanska, Jussi	Tampere University	A Benedictine Origin of Anti-Judaic Preaching? Walahfrid Strabo's <i>De subversione Jesuralem</i>
Hollick, Bernhard	Universität Köln	Classicism and the Wycliffite threat in Brinton's sermons
Janz-Wenig, Katrin	Öst. Akad. der Wissenschaften	<i>Sermones Socci</i> . A monastic sermon collection and its use as a preaching aid
Kennedy, Amelia	Yale University	Growing old in a medieval Cistercian monastery
Marvel, Elizabeth	Baylor University	Injunctions in bishops' registers and the pastoral care of women religious in late medieval England
Marx, Alexander	Universität Wien	Monastic preaching of the Crusades: Methodological issues and approaches
Mastrantuono, Laura	Université de Lyon 2	Jacopo da Varazze's <i>Sermones de tempore</i> and monasticism
Noutsou, Stamatia	Masaryk University	Preaching against heresy inside the monastic walls: Two sermons of Geoffrey of Auxerre's <i>Super Apocalypsin</i>
Polacek, Juraj	Comenius University	Mourning Jerusalem: Echoes of the Book of Jeremiah in the Seventh-Century Sermon <i>Expugnatio Hiersolymae</i>
Portnykh, Valentin L.	Novosibirsk State University	Crusade indulgence as preached by monks and friars
Pumprová, Anna	University of Ostrava	Manuscript evidence of the genesis of a collection of monastic sermons by Peter of Zittau
Sonntag, Jörg	Technische Universität, Dresden	Monastic hierarchy according to the Pontigny Sermons on the <i>Rule of Benedict</i>
Soukup, Pavel	Academy of Sciences, Prague	Augustinian Preachers of the Anti-Hussite Crusade, 1426-1468
Thayer, Anne	Lancaster Seminary	<i>Thema ad claustrales</i> : Thomas Swalwell's notes on monastic life
Young, John	Flagler College	Visitors to the cloister: Outsiders in monastic sermons of the High Middle Ages