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## XXI

### Call for Papers

We are pleased to announce the call for papers for **Borderlines XXI: Authority in the Medieval and Early Modern World**. This conference will be held in **University College Cork, 14-16 April 2017**. Proposals for both papers and panels are welcomed from postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers in the fields of both Medieval and Early Modern studies.

This conference will explore the concept of authority in both the Medieval and Early Modern periods. As Sir Philip Sidney has said, “there is nothing sooner overthrows a weak head than opinion by authority, like too strong a liquor for a frail glass” (*Aphorisms of Sir Philip Sidney*). Much like today’s society, authority and resistance to authority can be found in all aspects of Medieval and Early Modern societies, such as the religious, political, social, and literary.

Borderlines XXI invites papers that address the social, historical, literary, religious and cultural significance of these roles. We welcome papers from researchers in the fields of Anthropology, Archaeology, Codicology, Drama, Digital Humanities, Folklore, History, History of Art, Geography, Languages, Literature, Music, Paleography, Philosophy and Theology. Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Political and/or religious authority
- Literary authority
- Authority of the book
- Gendered authority
- Lack of authority
- Translation of authority
- Class/Societal authority
- Rejection of authority
- Liminal figures/places
- Authority as autonomy
- Structures of authority
- Development of authority through the ages
- Depictions of authority in art

Abstracts of 250 words for a 20-minute paper and a short biography are welcomed from postgraduates and early career researchers (MA, PhD and Postdoctoral students), as are proposals for panels, and should be submitted by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 to [borderlinesXXI@gmail.com](mailto:borderlinesXXI@gmail.com).