

Call for Papers

Crossing Borders in the Insular Middle Ages, c. 900-1500

2nd Biennial Conference

University of Birmingham, 3-5 April 2017

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Carolyne Larrington (Professor of Medieval European Literature, St John's College, Oxford)

Prof. Máire Ní Mhaonaigh (Professor of Celtic & Medieval Studies, St John's College, Cambridge)

We are delighted to announce the second biennial conference in the Crossing Borders in the Insular Middle Ages series, to be held at the University of Birmingham, 3-5 April 2017.

The conference series explores the role of cross-border literary translation and transmission in the construction of political, national, international, regional, and cultural identities in Britain, Ireland, and Iceland across the long period c. 900-1500. It is intended to foster discussion about contemporary methodologies in comparative literary studies by international scholars working in English, Scottish, Celtic, and Scandinavian Studies. For the 2017 conference, we are particularly interested not only in the movement of texts and ideas across the Insular regions, but also lines of connection with continental Europe.

Proposals for papers are invited from scholars in any field of medieval literary or linguistic study in the following areas:

- processes of translation and adaptation across Insular vernacular languages (English, Welsh, Irish, Older Scots, Old Norse, Old Icelandic, and French) and other European vernaculars or Latin
- discussions of cross-border thematic influences and correspondences
- lines of transmission and textual distribution
- cross-border manuscript and book circulation
- perceptions of other Insular peoples
- literary engagements and intersections with cross-border material and visual culture
- linguistic borrowings across Insular languages

Additional confirmed speakers include Prof. Helen Fulton (University of Bristol), Prof. Erich Poppe (Philipps-Universität Marburg), and Dr Emily Wingfield (University of Birmingham). Proposals are also welcomed from doctoral students and early career scholars.

Please send proposals of no more than 300 words by 2 January 2017 to Dr Victoria Flood (Department of English Literature, University of Birmingham) v.flood@bham.ac.uk and Dr Aisling Byrne (Department of English Literature, University of Reading) a.byrne@reading.ac.uk



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