

Autumn School in Medieval Languages and Culture 2015

# Medieval Law and Medieval Germanic Languages

Ghent, 19 - 23 October 2015

This Autumn School is organized for MA and PhD-students in Medieval Studies (art history, history, law, linguistics, literature, philosophy ...). Course 1 is aimed at students who are required to work with medieval legal documents or sources containing references to juridical procedures. Course 2 is intended for students wishing to contextualize historical texts in a Germanic language and for students conducting research into the field of communication during the Middle Ages (e.g. in the context of international trade, immigration, and so on).

Each course lasts for two-and-a-half days, during which leading experts in the field offer in-depth sessions on several topics related to the themes selected for this Autumn School.

In the space of two-and-a-half days, students will thus acquire a basic knowledge of either Medieval Law or communication in North-Western Europe, as well as the skills to implement this knowledge in their own research projects.

No previous knowledge is required for both classes; a solid knowledge of at least one Germanic language is highly recommended for Germanic Languages.

Both courses are delivered in English. Since the two courses are offered in sequence, participants can enroll for both.



# PROGRAMME

## MEDIEVAL LAW

### MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2015

*Ghent, Blandijnberg, Meeting Room English (130.007)*

8.30-9.00: registration

9.00-10.45: **Alain Wijffels** (Université Catholique de Louvain, Leiden University, CNRS): Ius commune - Roman Law I (The Medieval Corpus iuris civilis)

10.45-11.00: coffee break

11.00-12.45: **Alain Wijffels**: Ius commune - Roman Law II (Legal literature and methods)

*lunch*

13.45-15.30: **Kenneth Pennington** (The Catholic University of America, Washington): Ius Commune - Canon Law I (Sources)

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-17.30: **Kenneth Pennington**: Ius Commune - Canon Law II (Looking at manuscripts)

### TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2015

*Ghent, Blandijnberg, Meeting Room English (130.007)*

9.00-10.45: **Dirk Heirbaut** (Ghent University): Principles of Local Customary Law

10.45-11.00: coffee break

11.00-12.45: **Dirk Heirbaut**: Principles of Local Customary Law

*lunch*

13.45-15.30: **Anthony Musson** (University of Exeter): Iconography and Law : Western Europe

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-17.30: **Anthony Musson**: Iconography and Law: Western Europe

### WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2015

*Ghent, Blandijnberg, Meeting Room English (130.007)*

9.00-10.45: **Rik Opsommer** (Ghent University, Ypres Town Archives): Feudal Law in the Later Middle Ages

10.45-11.00: coffee break

11.00-12.45: **Emily Kadens** (Northwestern University, Chicago): Commercial Law and Practice

## MEDIEVAL GERMANIC LANGUAGES

### WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2015

*Ghent, Blandijnberg, Meeting Room English (130.007)*

13.30-13.45: registration

13.45-15.30: **Marijke Van der Wal** (Leiden University): Practice and Principles of Historical Linguistics: a focus on the Medieval Germanic Area I

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-17.30: **Marijke Van der Wal**: Practice and Principles of Historical Linguistics: a focus on the Medieval Germanic Area II

### THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2015

9.00-10.45: **Luc De Grauwe** (Ghent University): Old English and Old Dutch during the Age of William the Conqueror

10.45-11.00: coffee break

11.00-12.45: **Kees Dekker** (University of Groningen): Multilingualism in England ca 800 – ca 1250

*lunch*

13.45-15.30: **Kurt Braunmüller** (University of Hamburg): Linguistic diversity and forms of communication in northern Europe in the Middle Ages

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-17.30: **Agnete Nesse** (Bergen University College): Language and Communication in the Hanseatic Area (Northern Part)

### FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2015

9.00-10.45: **Rita Schlusemann** (Utrecht University, Free University of Berlin): Cultural and literary exchange from Antwerp to Lübeck

10.45-11.00: coffee break

11.00-12.45: **Luc De Grauwe** (Ghent University): The Historical Relationship between German and Dutch

*lunch*

13.45-15.30: **Frank Willaert** (University of Antwerp): Reading preferences in Dutch speaking regions east and west of the Scheldt

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-17.30: **Anne Breitbarth** (Ghent University): Sociolinguistic typology, language contact and the speed of syntactic change in Middle Low German



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## APPLICATION

The application deadline is September 10, 2015. There will be a maximum of 20 participants per course. Applications should be sent to [Martine.DeReu@UGent.be](mailto:Martine.DeReu@UGent.be) and must contain the following information: course applied for, university where your MA or PhD will be obtained, mother tongue, level of English, research topic for your master's or doctoral thesis and, only for those applying for the course on Medieval Germanic Languages and not having a Germanic Language as mother tongue: proficiency level in a (specified) Germanic language.

## ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Participants need to provide for their own accommodation and transport. Useful information can be found on the following websites:

*for accommodation:*

[www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/youth-hostels/city-hostels/gent-de-draecke](http://www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/youth-hostels/city-hostels/gent-de-draecke) (Youth Hostel)

[www.hosteluppelink.com/en/welkom](http://www.hosteluppelink.com/en/welkom) (Youth Hostel)

[www.backstayhostels.com/](http://www.backstayhostels.com/) (Youth Hostel)

[www.visitgent.be/](http://www.visitgent.be/)

[www.gent-hotels.eu/en](http://www.gent-hotels.eu/en)

[www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/belgium/ghent/](http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/belgium/ghent/)

[www.hotelspecials.be/be/oost-vlaanderen/gent.html](http://www.hotelspecials.be/be/oost-vlaanderen/gent.html)

*for trains:*

[www.b-rail.be/nat/E/](http://www.b-rail.be/nat/E/)

## MEALS

Lunches on Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be organized by the H. Pirenne Institute for Medieval Studies. Evening meals and lunch on Wednesday are not provided by the organizers.

## REGISTRATION FEE

There is a registration fee of 100 EUR per course. This fee is to be paid – after confirmation has been received of acceptance in the Autumn School – into the account of Ghent University, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 25, B-9000 GHENT. Account details: IBAN: BE59-3900-9658-0026 – SWIFT: BBRU BE BB 900. The VAT-number of Ghent University is BE 0248.015.142. The bank transfer should mention “Medieval Languages and Culture 2015”. Payment of this fee is considered as confirmation of registration.

The registration fee is waived for MA and PhD students from Ghent University, from the Onderzoekschool Mediëvistiek (Netherlands) and from the University of Oxford.

This project is organized by the Henri Pirenne Institute for Medieval Studies at Ghent University and funded by the Ghent Doctoral School for Arts, Humanities and Law, by the Dutch Research School for Medieval Studies, by the Society for the Study of Medieval Languages and Literature and by the Ghent educational project [Internationalisation@home](mailto:Internationalisation@home).

### Organizing committee

Anne Breitbarth (Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Arts, Ghent University)

Jeroen Deploige (Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Ghent University)

Jan Dumolyn (Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Ghent University)

Dirk Heirbaut (Department of Interdisciplinary Study of Law, Private Law and Business Law, Faculty of Law, Ghent University)

Catrien Santing (Nederlandse onderzoekschool Mediëvistiek)

Helen Swift (Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, University of Oxford)

Wim Verbaal (Department of Literature, Faculty of Arts, Ghent University)

Martine De Reu (Secretary for the MA in Historical Linguistics and Literature, Faculty of Arts, Ghent University)



**HENRI PIRENNE**  
INSTITUTE FOR MEDIEVAL STUDIES

