

CALL FOR PAPERS

FOR THE LEEDS INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL CONGRESS 2019

There are several ways to classify “materialities” across many disciplines – depending on where the focus lies: on the material itself or its impact. Materialities can be widely perceived as buildings, objects, artefacts, matter or material culture and can tell us about the relationship of people and their things.

As young independent European scholars with a keen interest in medieval history we are currently organising a range of sessions for the IMC 2019 that explore these new approaches in light of the IMC 2019 special focus “materialities” and are looking for papers that address some of the below questions on materialities and material culture in the Middle Ages:

- Were materialities used as markers of cultural differences?
- How does materiality or the conception of it influence or shape trade networks?
- How does the make-up of artefacts influence memory?
- Is there a process, which degrades artefacts of memory back to its non-memorial states?
- How do artefacts/materialities create or influence communities?
- What are the power dynamics of conflicting materialities?
- How do communities react to inauthentic artefacts, e.g. relics?
- How were materialities used for legitimization?
- Is there a connection between the representation of a material and its meaning?
- How did materialities of power/empire change in their importance/meaning?
- Are there specifically gendered objects available as material memories?
- How do artefacts/objects create rituals?
- How do artefacts/objects take part in rituals?
- How do artefacts/objects create (or take part in) norms or behaviour?
- The role of material culture/materialities at court

We are especially inviting PhD students as well as early career scholars as well as historians using methodological approaches from art history, economy, theology, sociology, archaeology, architecture, liturgy, palaeography, philology, anthropological studies and queer studies & disability studies to submit their paper proposals of no more than 250 words and the usual information of academic affiliation, contact information to

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