

International workshop (Université catholique de Louvain / Utrecht University)

Good governance in the late-medieval city (1200-1600)

What was understood by good governance in the late-medieval city? And how did city magistrates try to achieve it in practice? What responsibilities were assigned to them? What exactly was expected of them? How could they give substance to themes such as justice, unity, and harmony? And what did correct use of municipal money entail?

This workshop on good governance in the late-medieval city (1200-1600) focuses on these questions, and especially on how to answer them from different disciplinary perspectives. What sources do we use? How do we use them? And what conclusions can we draw? This workshop therefore invites researchers from different disciplines (history, literary studies, history of art and architecture, political philosophy, ...) to exchange views on these questions. Above all, the workshop wishes to provide a discussion forum for ongoing research with a specific focus on research questions, methodological issues and questions concerning source material.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023 at the University of Utrecht. A financial contribution for transport costs will be provided for speakers. Presentations and discussions will be in English.

Possibility to attend the workshop (public)

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this workshop. However, in view of its practical organisation, please register in advance by sending a message to nele.deraedt@uclouvain.be and d.p.h.napolitano@uu.nl by 20 November 2022 at the latest.

Opportunity to present during the workshop (speakers)

Interested parties can also present their research during the workshop. Early career researchers are particularly encouraged to share their findings.

If you would like to present, please send a title with abstract (approx. 200-300 words) for a 15-minute presentation to nele.deraedt@uclouvain.be and d.p.h.napolitano@uu.nl no later than 20 November 2022. Notification of selection will follow shortly afterwards. Efforts will be made to spread speakers across disciplines.

Possibility of obtaining ECTS credits (ReMA students)

Finally, it is possible for Dutch ReMA students to obtain ECTS credits by attending this workshop and, possibly, contributing to the organisation. More specifically, two options exist:

1) To obtain one ECTS point.

For this option, students are expected to prepare for the workshop, attend it for its entire duration, actively participate in the discussions, and, finally, submit a paper (of max. 1,250 words) on the theme of one of the presentations by 1 March 2023 at the latest. This option is open to a maximum of 10 students.

2) To obtain two ECTS credits

For this option, students will not only be expected to fulfil the requirements for the first option, but they will also learn what steps have to be taken to organise an international workshop (during a two-hour group session in Utrecht on a date (still to be determined) in December/January 2023) and then

put this knowledge into practice in the stages leading up to and during the workshop. This option is open to a maximum of 5 students.

Interested students are kindly requested to send a message (indicating the preferred option) to nele.deraedt@uclouvain.be and d.p.h.napolitano@uu.nl no later than 20 November 2022.

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