

Inclusion and Exclusion in Medieval Central Europe. Sixth Biennial Conference of MECERN

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Venue: LMU University Munich, Germany

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The Medieval Central Europe Research Network (MECERN) invites you to Munich (Germany) for its Sixth Biennial Conference in 2025. The conference is dedicated to the complex social hierarchies and differences that permeated medieval societies and created various areas of tension. These could be rooted in different perceptions of ethnic, social, religious, and economic backgrounds. Also, in recent years, medieval studies are increasingly focused on the significance of gender diversity for medieval societies. Based on these developments, the conference investigates categories of difference, such as race, class and gender and their function for social inclusion and exclusion in the medieval world.

We welcome contributions that deal with mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion and their impact on medieval community and identity building. In particular, we would like to encourage contributions with a special focus on gender-related topics.

Topics to be addressed may include, but are not limited to:

- Mechanisms of inclusion/exclusion: causes, functions, and impact
- Which categories of difference were referred to and used in medieval societies in different periods?
- Which contemporary stereotypes and (gender-based) arguments can be identified (e.g., 'Hate Speech,' Misogyny, Religious Polemic)?
- What symbols, or visual representations were used to mark, emphasize, and express social differences?
- Current debates in Medieval Studies: gender approaches and their relevance for interdisciplinary Medieval Studies, e.g., Gender Studies, Intersectionality, Queer Studies

We welcome proposals from scholars researching history, from political, social, cultural, economic, ecclesiastical, and urban, to art, literary, intellectual, legal history, historiography, auxiliary sciences, archaeology, and historical anthropology.

Both individual and panel submissions are welcome. Panels will be 90 minutes; we recommend papers to be 15 to 20 minutes twenty minutes max.

Please **submit your proposals by Monday, 15 July, 2024** via

https://www.mag.geschichte.uni-muenchen.de/forschung/netzwerke/netzwerk_mecern/index.html



Notifications of acceptance will be given by **15 September, 2024**.

Conference fees are waived for all participants due to funding by the Department for Medieval History (LMU Munich).

Early career scholars can apply for conference travel stipends covering their accommodation during the conference. Applications for bursaries can be indicated in the submission form.

For questions regarding eligibility, please contact mecern@mg.fak09.uni-muenchen.de.

