

Northern Network for the Study of the Crusades

CALL FOR PAPERS

Leeds International Medieval Congress, 4–7 July 2022

Special thematic strand: 'Borders'

Since Pope Urban II's call for crusade at the Council of Clermont in 1095, crusading and the concept of borders have been intrinsically linked. Crusade ideology is situated at the point where the parameters of religion and war intersect and the act of crusading itself involves crossing, maintaining, and creating physical borders and frontiers.

The Northern Network for the Study of the Crusades seeks papers for a strand on 'Borders' at the Leeds International Medieval Congress, 2022. Researchers at all stages of the careers and institutional affiliations are encouraged to send proposals, as are medievalists of all fields interested in the theory and practice of borders in all of their variety as they relate to the history of the crusades and associated fields of enquiry.



Possible themes or topics could include, but are not limited to:

- Political and military borders and frontiers
- Encountering and experiencing borders and frontiers
- Living in border and frontier zones
- Fluidity and fixity of borders and frontiers
- Border markers and material and visual borders
- Bordering practices and institutions
- Belonging and exclusion
- Political, social, cultural, religious performance of borders
- Blurring boundaries such as human/animal, gender, age, status, and/or religion
- Literary depictions of ideological or physical borders

Proposals should include a title and abstract of c.300 words, together with your name and institutional affiliation. All IMC sessions come with a PC/laptop, data projector ('beamer'), and internet access as standard. Please list any additional equipment required for your presentation.

All papers presented should last for no more than 20 minutes.

Please email your proposal to Iain Dyson, Hannah MacKenzie and Dr Jason T. Roche at

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