



Internationale Gesellschaft für Theologische Mediävistik e.V.
International Society for the Study of Medieval Theology

Workshop for Graduate Students and Junior Scholars

Rules, Regulations, and Regimes in Medieval Religion



Date

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 11.00 - 16.00 at Theological University, Plompstorengracht 3, Utrecht

Theme

This IGTM workshop for graduate students and junior scholars, in which early career scholars have the opportunity to discuss their research with peers and senior referents in an informal setting, takes the 800th anniversary of the Franciscan Rule (1223) as a point of departure for a reflection on the value as well as the limitations of rules, regulations, and regimes, either given or self-made, for medieval religion. Historically, **the change from unofficial Rules to official Rules** and the process of rule-making itself should be taken into consideration. Conversely, the question may be answered as to how rules, regulations, and regimes mirror not only the realities of religious observance in domestic contexts but also a broader discourse, and must thus be seen **in their wider – ideological, cultural, legal – context**. To what extent are rules, regulations, and regimes (and their historical interpretations) artifacts of their own social currents? Theologically, the relation between authority, supervision, coercion, autonomy, choice, grace, and intuition in the spiritual life needs further clarification. A reflection on **the interaction of these realities** and their stability-shaping/thwarting consequences in both regulated religion and private piety seems particularly relevant for today's world, in which institutional authorities are falling apart and rules are being debated, degraded, and redefined.

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

Written and Unwritten Rules
Rule-Making and Rule-Giving
Ideological, Cultural, and Legal Aspects
Authority, Coercion, and Obligation

Supervision, Correction, and Regulation
Freedom, Intuition, and Autonomy
Spiritual Progress in Regulated Life
Direction and Duty, Guidance and Grace

Introduction to the theme by **Dr. Bert Roest, Radboud University Nijmegen**

Practical Matters

Registration fee: 15 euro (lunch, coffee and tea).

The organizers welcome presentations in English. Proposals should be kept as close to 100 words as possible. Each presentation should last 10 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of discussion.

Presentation proposals must be submitted by 15 January 2023 to

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For more information, go to www.medievaltheology.org

Our IGTM workshop precedes and prepares for the

Third Annual *Franciscan Connections* Virtual Conference

Sponsored by The Franciscan Study Center at Tilburg University
and The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University

Rules, Regulations, and Regimes in Franciscan Spirituality

Date

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 9.00 am – 14.00 pm (NY time) / 15.00-20.00 (CET time)

Friday, June 23, 2023, 9.00 am – 14.00 pm (NY time) / 15.00-20.00 (CET time)

Zoom Virtual Conference, Registration free

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