

Gender and Medieval Studies Conference 2021

Gender and Mobility

Hosted online by the University of Surrey 11th-13th January

In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic led to heavy restrictions on mobility across the globe; borders were closed, lockdowns imposed and communications moved further online. As we adapt to a new normal with less freedom to roam, travel and physically connect with people and materials, this conference aims to open up a dialogue about the tensions between mobility and immobility in the medieval world.

The organisers welcome proposals on any aspect of gender and mobility in the medieval world from scholars at any stage of study or career. Proposals for papers may include, but are not limited to:

- Mobility/Immobility
- Social mobility
- Mobility and disability
- The Global Middle Ages
- Race and borders
- Borders and thresholds
- Networks
- Travel
- Orientation/disorientation
- Manuscript circulation and transmission
- Literary narratives of mobility
- Representations of mobility/immobility in art
- Medieval cartography/imagined geographies
- Transgressive/queer/monstrous mobilities
- Geopolitics
- Ecocriticism

We anticipate contributors giving papers of 10-15 minutes. Proposals for panels of 3-4 papers are also warmly welcomed, as are proposals for roundtables (90 minutes) of 3-5 participants. The conference aims to be as inclusive as possible and encourages participation from around the globe. As such the sessions and activities will be a mixture of live and pre-recorded material.

Please submit proposed titles and abstracts of 300 words, with a short biography to Amy Louise Morgan (gmsconference2021@gmail.com) by 31st August 2020

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