

# Travelling Wisdom

## Science in the Medieval Religious Orders

### Thursday 2nd June

#### Introduction and Keynote Speaker

09:30-09:45 Intro

09:45-10:45 Keynote speaker: **Faith Wallis** (McGill) *Monastic Albums of Science in Anglo-Norman England*

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

#### Session One: Teaching and learning in the mendicant orders

11:00-11:30 **Johnny Grandjean Gøgsig Jakobsen** (Copenhagen) *Friars of Science: Scientific knowledge and practice among Dominican friars in medieval Northern Europe*

11:30-12:00 **Bert Roest** (Radboud University Nijmegen) *Perfection of Matter, Perfection of People: Franciscan 'science' in service of evangelical ideals*

Monastery visit and lunch

12:00-13:00 Monastery visit with Lars Bisgaard

13:00-14:00 Lunch

#### Session Two: Byzantium

14:00-14:30 **Jonas Christensen** (SDU) *Byzantine responses to Western science*

14:30-15:00 **Gianna Katsiampoura** (National Hellenic Research Foundation) *Byzantine natural philosophy and its relation with Christian religion based on the works by Michael Psellos and Nikephore Vlemmydes*

15:00-15:20 Coffee Break

#### Session Three: Computus and the Calendar

15:20-15:50 **Dáibhí Ó Cróinín** (Galway) *Computus in 7th century Irish monasteries*

15:50-16:20 **Immo Warntjes** (Belfast) *The monastic scientific mind: Ireland, c. AD 700*

16:20-16:50 **Philipp Nothaft** (Oxford) *Franciscan Hebraism and Calendar Improvement in the Second Half of the Thirteenth Century*

On Saturday 4th of June there will be an optional day in Copenhagen. This will be an approximately three hour guided walk on the theme of medieval Copenhagen. The trip will visit several of the surviving medieval monuments of Copenhagen, as well as a trip to the Royal Library to look at some of the medieval manuscripts there. The trip will finish with a drink in the cafe located in the cellars of the medieval Franciscan Friary of Copenhagen.

### Friday 3rd June

#### Session Four: Space and Measure

10:00-10:30 **Emanuele Lugli** (York) *The Science of Measuring and the Religious Orders: Some Preliminary Notes on a Work in Progress*

10:30-11:00 **Michele Campopiano** (Amsterdam/York) *The Franciscans and the Cartography of the Holy Land: Some Remarks on the Representation of Space in the Culture of the Order*

11:00-11:20 Coffee Break

#### Session Five: Environment

11:20-11:50 **Jakob Povl Holck**, (SDU) *Manuscript fragment project*

Monastery visit and lunch

11:50-13:00 Monastery visit with Lars Bisgaard

13:00-14:00 Lunch

#### Session Six: Technology

14:00-14:30 **Christian Etheridge** (SDU) *The Clockmaker, the Alchemist and the Student: The Birgittine Order at Vadstena and its approaches to Science on the eve of the Reformation*

14:30-15:00 **Lene Møllerup** (Skanderborg) *"All that water they needed..." hydro technology at Øm Abbey, Denmark*

15:00-15:20 Coffee break

#### Session Seven: Medicine

15:20-15:50 **Steinunn Kristjánsdóttir** (Iceland) *Getting Better? Health and Science at Skriðuklaustur Monastery and Hospital, Iceland*

15:50-16:20 **Johanna Bergqvist** (Lund) *Medical practice at Swedish Cistercian monasteries*

16:20-16:50 **Lydia Harris** (Durham) *Maternity and Monasticism: Reproductive Medicine in Celibate Spaces*

16:50-17:10 Coffee

#### Conclusion

17:10-18:30 Conclusion and reception

The conference will take place at the Noble Womens Convent, Albani Torv 6, 5000 Odense C. For further information and free admission please contact [thorup@sdu.dk](mailto:thorup@sdu.dk)

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