

Call for Papers!

# **Law and Disputing in the Middle Ages**

IX. Carlsberg Academy Conference on Medieval Legal History

9th – 11th May 2012

At the Carlsberg Academy in Copenhagen, Denmark

Keynote Speaker:

**Prof. Dr. Stephen D. White**

Emory University

The conference is the ninth in an interdisciplinary series which aims at discussing new approaches to the study of medieval law and legal practice. The first conference, held in 2003, examined the question of how 'Nordic' the medieval Scandinavian law codes actually were.

The upcoming ninth conference in this series continues along these interdisciplinary lines to embrace various aspects of the broad theme of the interrelation between law and the handling of conflicts inside and outside courts in medieval societies. We therefore invite colleagues working within any field of medieval legal history, along with scholars whose research touches upon aspects of the conjunction of law and proceeding disputes in the Middle Ages, to submit proposals for papers of 20 minutes' duration. Title, an abstract of 200-250 words and a short C.V., should be sent by e-mail to one of the members of the organizing committee (see e-mail addresses below).

**Deadline for proposals is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

All proposals and presentations should be in English. The final programme will be published on the conference website <http://jura.ku.dk/crs/english/calendar> soon after the deadline.

Suggested thematic strands are: Customary dispute settlement, the nature of ordeals, learned law and dispute settlement, dispute settlement without

legal institutions, dispute settlement and criminal law, and dispute settlement as a political issue. The list is by no means exhaustive and other proposals on the main theme of law and proceeding disputes are most welcome. The purpose of the conference is to enlighten and discuss how, in different periods and places in medieval Europe, legal conflicts were solved. The wide span in time and place can make it useful to have a common ground, which is why we invite all the participants to read and – if it is relevant for the paper – reflect on the Ordinance of Manslaughter the Danish king Canute VI gave in 1200. The Ordinance is available at the conference's website.

The proceedings of the conference will be published in our series of books by the end of 2012.

The conference is held at the Carlsberg Academy, formerly the family residence of the founder of the Carlsberg Breweries, J. C. Jacobsen ([www.carlsbergfondet.dk](http://www.carlsbergfondet.dk)). The Academy buildings are beautifully situated, easy to reach by public transport and close to the centre of Copenhagen.

Registration fee for non-speakers will be € 100 or 750 DKK. The fee includes lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, dinner on Thursday as well as an excursion on Friday. Speakers are of course exempt from paying the conference fee.

Please use the registration form which will be available on the conference website in January 2012. Deadline for non-speakers' registration is **15. April 2012**. The Academy lecture rooms can only accommodate a limited number of participants so please do not hesitate to register.

If you have any queries or want to submit a proposal, please feel free to use either of these addresses: Helle Vogt ([Helle.Vogt@jur.ku.dk](mailto:Helle.Vogt@jur.ku.dk)) or Per Andersen ([pa@jura.au.dk](mailto:pa@jura.au.dk)). For the conference website, see the link on <http://jura.ku.dk/crs/english/calendar>

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