

This conference brings together scholars from different research traditions. They will refine the theoretical framework and methodologies that address the dynamic of urbanization and social change of the High Middle Ages (1000-1250) across England, France north of the Loire, the Low Countries and Germany.

The perception and performance of social identity in urban societies between c. 1050 and 1250 in North-western Europe will be approached from a cultural historical perspective in its broadest possible sense.

Due to the relative paucity of written materials produced by urban groups themselves, we focus not only on how new groups emerged, but especially on how they became conscious of themselves and were recognised by others. What types of behaviour and cultural expressions described in our sources signalled their existence and how were they perceived in both daily situations and extraordinary conflicts?

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The **registration fee of 15 Euro per day** includes lunch and is payable upon arrival.

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## Perception and Performance of Social Identities in the Nascent Urban Societies of the High Middle Ages in North-western Europe



*International Conference*

May 22-23, Ghent, Het Pand – Oude infirmerie, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent

May 24, Brussels, Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts – Stevin zaal, Hertogsstraat 1, 1000 Brussel

**All Welcome!**

## Ghent, May 22

11.00-11.15: Registration and coffee

11.15-11.30: Welcome by Marc Boone, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Philosophy

11.30-11.45: Jeroen Deploige (Ghent University), *Introduction*

**Session 1** – Moderator: Marc Boone (Ghent University)

11.45-12.45: Keith Lilley (Queen's University Belfast), *On socio-spatial Othering in the English medieval city*

12.45-13.30: Lunch

13.30-14.30: H  l  ne Noizet (Universit   Paris 1 Panth  on-Sorbonne), *Spatialiser pour mieux r  gner : le roi, l'  v  que et les Parisiens d'apr  s la « forma pacis » (1222)*

14.30-15.30: Anne Lester (University of Colorado at Boulder), *“Susceptio reliquarum” in the cities of North-western France: Sacred geography and civic identity in the aftermath of the Fourth Crusade, 1204-1240*

15.30-15.45: Coffee

**Session 2** – Moderator: Frederik Buylaert (Free University of Brussels)

15.45-16.45: Jelle Koopmans (University of Amsterdam), *Les jeunes – un crit  re probl  matique ou un groupe bien d  fini?*

16.45-17.45: Sarah Rees Jones (University of York), *Neighbourhoods, intentional communities and social welfare. The making of utopia in thirteenth-century English cities*

## Ghent, May 23

**Session 3** – Moderator: Jelle Haemers (University of Leuven)

9.30-10.30: Daniel Gerrard (University of Oxford), *“Imbued with the spirit of an antique nobility”: The dignity of the city in high medieval England*

10.30-11.30: Paulo Charruadas (Universit   Libre de Bruxelles), *Exploring nascent social identity: The Brussels aldermen, between behaviours, representations and perceptions (twelfth-thirteenth centuries)*

11.30-11.45: Coffee

11.45-12.45: Ewoud Waerniers (Ghent University), *Perception and performance of urban identity during the last decades of the commune in Cambrai (1182-1227)*

12.45-13.30: Lunch

**Session 4** – Moderator: Wim Blockmans (University of Leiden)

13.30-14.30: Jehangir Malegam (Duke University, NC), *The aesthetics of belonging and alienation: Organization of hatred in Northern French communes*

14.30-15.30: Jan Dumolyn & Jeroen Deploige (Ghent University), *Vengeance as communal custom. The destruction of houses in the medieval Low Countries*

15.30-15.45: Coffee

15.45-16.45: J  rg Wettlaufer (Academy of Science and Humanities, G  ttingen), *The emergence and social usage of shaming punishments in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries in Northwest European cities*

17.00-18.45: Guided tour of medieval Ghent by Xavier Baecke, Ghent University

## Brussels, May 24

8.15-9.30: Bus trip from Ghent (Hotel Ibis Opera) to Brussels (Academy)

9.30-9.45: Coffee

**Session 5** – Moderator: Peter Stabel (University of Antwerp)

10.00-11.00: James Davis (Queen's University Belfast), *Urban market regulation and commercial morality in Anglo-Norman England*

11.00-12.00: Sethina Watson (University of York), *Making polities: revenue and public welfare in English towns, 1170-1240*

12.00-13.45: Lunch and guided tour of the subterranean remains of the medieval Coudenberg castle by Bram Vannieuwenhuyze, University of Leuven

**Session 6** – Moderator: Rudi K  nzel (University of Amsterdam)

13.45-14.45: Walter Simons (Dartmouth College, NH), *“Brood omme God”: Religious vagrancy, begging, and labor, 1100-1350*

14.45-15.45: Letha Boehringer (Universit  t zu K  ln), *Aspiring urban elites and new forms of lay piety – the beguines of Cologne c. 1220-1270*

15.45-16.00: Coffee

16.00-16.30: Jeff Rider (Wesleyan University, CT), *Conclusions*

16.30-18.00: Reception