

Borders and Borderlands

A Faculty of Arts Research Network at the University of Bristol

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Text, practice, identity in multilingual and multicultural border environments

Newsletter 2: Winter 2016-17

Welcome to the second issue of the project newsletter which appears twice a year, in the Summer and Winter. This is the place where updates, news, and information are circulated – all members of the Network can contribute, so if you would like to post an item, let me know.

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Project Update

Our funding from the Faculty of Arts at Bristol was extended for 2016–2017 which means that we can host a number of events during the year. Members of the Network met for lunch in December 2016 and discussed plans for an interdisciplinary conference in June 2017 that will bring together scholars working across a wide chronology from medieval to modern. Before then, our first event for this year will be a half-day workshop in Bristol on 31 March featuring Professor David Wallace of the University of Pennsylvania – see page 2 for details.

Keep in touch!

For Bristol members, we have a Yammer blog – look for the ‘Borders and Borderlands’ research cluster. The network is listed as a research group on PURE, the University of Bristol research portal – anyone who would like to join as part of their PURE profile is welcome.

Check the Network website and send items for the Newsletter or website to helen.fulton@bristol.ac.uk

Who Is Involved?

The network is led by Helen Fulton, professor of medieval literature in the Department of English (School of Humanities) at the University of Bristol, with support from Professor Ad Putter and Dr Leah Tether. Launched in June 2016 and funded by the Faculty of Arts at Bristol, the network has more than 50 members on the mailing list, representing UK and international institutions. We are an inter-disciplinary group comprising textual critics, historians, geographers, academic lawyers, social scientists, and archivists, aiming to share our expertise on territorial and virtual borders from the early Middle Ages to the present day.

Upcoming Events

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017, medieval workshop, 11.00am – 2.00pm, G11, Arts Complex, 3-5 Woodland Road, Bristol BS8 1TB.

Guest speaker: Professor David Wallace, University of Pennsylvania, speaking on:

‘Borders and Borderlands: Translation and European Literary History’

ALL WELCOME, registration is free but let Helen know if you are coming.

THURSDAY 8 – FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2017

Annual Borders Conference, University of Bristol

Hold the dates – further information to come.

MONDAY JULY 3 2017, International Medieval Congress, Leeds

The network has organised three sessions at the conference, all scheduled on the first day, so we hope many of you will be able to attend. The conference programme is at:

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2017.html>

New website

We are developing a new website for the Network – you can find it here:

<http://www.bordersandborderlands.ac.uk>

Let us know if you would like to post information about events, grants, research or other announcements for the Network.

What Next

In the current semester (spring 2017) there will be an informal lunchtime meeting for members of the Network to make plans for the June conference and for the development of new projects that fit under the ‘borders’ umbrella.

The challenge for the Network is to engage not only with disciplinary boundaries but also national and chronological boundaries, finding ways to bring knowledge and events from one period of European history into dialogue with other periods.

We’d like to fund workshops that tackle this challenge directly – let us know if you have ideas for events, speakers, or projects.

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