

## About this Network

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H-Medieval is H-Net's network on the history, culture, religion, and society of Medieval Europe.

### **I. The H-Medieval Network: Scope, Content, Purpose**

**H-Medieval** is an international digital network sponsored by H-Net: Humanities-Online. It provides scholars, graduate students and professionals a free daily forum to discuss the history, culture, religion, and society of Medieval Europe.

H-Medieval's scope is 500-1500 CE, and 'Europe' broadly defined, including Russia, Byzantium, the Iberian peninsula, Iceland and Greenland. We also welcome posts about adjacent periods and places that relate to our scope in some way.

H-Medieval is an EDITED network. This means that network editors will screen all incoming contributions to eliminate "flames," ad hominem arguments, "spams," private email, or non-scholarly messages. We will not censor ideas that can be presented, but we will do our utmost to assure that clearly irrelevant or unprofessional materials do not appear on the network. We may make minor editorial changes (spelling corrections, for example, or complete signatures) as needed.

Subscribers contribute questions, comments, reports and replies to H-Medieval. H-Medieval publishes syllabi, outlines, handouts, bibliographies, listings of new sources, library catalogs and archives, and reports on new software, datasets and cd-roms, and posts announcements of conferences, fellowships, and new publications in Medieval studies. H-Medieval also commissions serious book reviews and responses from authors and audience alike. H-Medieval is an electronic publication. All postings will be permanently stored online, and may be quoted and cited. We encourage the republication of H-Medieval postings for non-profit educational use, and ask that proper credit be given to the author and to H-Medieval, and that the date of posting be given. H-Medieval's network format also offers opportunities for digital collaboration utilizing built in platforms and multiple forms of media.

It is our intent to encourage international participation and in particular to encourage interaction between specialists located throughout the world. We will publish communications in English, with quotations from primary sources in any language. To create an atmosphere in which people will feel comfortable in exchanging ideas in a "foreign" language, we encourage readers to ask for clarifications of possible misunderstandings or to offer comments in a professional manner so that substantive issues remain our focus.

Members posting quotations from primary sources in non-Latin alphabets (Greek, Cyrillic, etc.) should be aware that not all subscribers may have software that can render these character sets correctly.

## II. Editors.

H-Medieval is edited by field experts approved by the network board and certified by H-Net's Executive Council. The editors serve two-year renewable terms and rotate their duties. Editors are listed in the Network Staff List linked from the network's front page. The editors will solicit postings through the Commons, will approve new subscriptions, will handle routine inquiries, and manage submissions. Anyone with suggestions about what H-Medieval can and might do is invited to send in ideas by writing to the editorial address. The editors will solicit and post newsletter-type information (calls for conferences, for example, or listings of sessions at conventions.) Like all H-Net networks, H-Medieval is moderated to edit out material that, in the editors' opinion, is not germane to the network mission, involves technical matters (such as subscription management requests), is inflammatory, or violates evolving, yet common, standards of Internet etiquette. Please read section III below for details about ownership, style, formatting, and content of your messages. H-Net's procedure for resolving disputes over editorial practices is Article II, Section 2.02 of our council policies, located at:

<http://www.h-net.org/about/policies.php>

For a list of current editors, visit: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/52201/staffpage>

## III. Communicating Through the Network.

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A full copy of the H-Net Council Policies and Bylaws and other important information may be found at: <http://www.h-net.org/about/>.

B. Contributions: The tone and content of H-Medieval depends directly on subscribers. The editors want to encourage lively, informal, productive discussion and exchange of information. To that end, we ask that contributions be considerate of the needs of a busy audience of scholars, many of whom must pay for their access to the internet. A number of excellent guides to online behavior and style are available on the internet and we invite you consult them.

-- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NETWORK MUST BE SIGNED. If your profile on the H-Net Commons is not filled out with a valid name and affiliation the editors will delay posting until authorship and email address are confirmed.

-- CONTENT: Editors retain the right to review material for its pertinence, tone, style, and relevance to the network's mission. Ad hominem, unattributed quotations or innuendo, private messages

forwarded for posting without permission, or messages that violate the norms of civility and professional courtesy will be rejected. Persistent violators can be removed as subscribers to the network. **H-Net permanently archives its content on the H-Net Commons. Do not submit material that you consider to be of a private nature or that you would not want available to future readers.**

-- STYLE: the default editorial style for discussion postings is that of a letter to the editor. Your remarks can be crafted to suit the tone of an existing discussion thread, but in any case they should address the editor and not make direct personal references to others, except where you are replying directly to a simple query (e.g., "you can find this information in Webster's Third International Dictionary."). Avoid excessive quotation of messages you refer or reply to.

-- FORMAT: While you can submit your posts to the Commons using various fonts, styles and formatting these may be edited by the editor for uniformity and readability.

#### **IV. Technical Information.**

When you subscribe to the Commons, H-Net will send you a confirmation message containing important information about managing your subscription. For online help with your subscription see <http://networks.h-net.org/help-desk>, especially the "Getting Started" section. These guides will help you modify your notifications, unsubscribe from the network, change the e-mail address associated with your profile, and use your "My H-Net" page effectively. If you still have questions after reading the guides please email [help@mail.h-net.msu.edu](mailto:help@mail.h-net.msu.edu).

#### **V. The H-Medieval Network Site**

The H-Medieval network site contains the following required information and services:

- The archives of the H-Medieval network discussions and other uploaded content
- The network's official documents: its about page, lists of board members and editors, contact information, and other founding and information documents.
- Hypertext links to resources in our subject: teaching materials, research archives, other networks.

#### **VI. Advisory Board.**

H-Medieval's daily activities are managed by the editors. Its long-term policies are developed by the advisory board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact the current editor. Board members referee incoming articles, reviews, and teaching materials; establish basic subscription restrictions and policy; advise the editors on disputes among editors and subscribers; monitor the network and make active contributions to discussion; and serve as the subscribers' voice in H-Net affairs. You are encouraged to contact any or all of the editorial board members with ideas and concerns about H-Medieval.

For a list of the current advisory board, visit: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/52201/staffpage>

## VII. Our Parent Organization: H-Net

H-Net is an international consortium of scholars in the humanities and social sciences that creates and coordinates electronic networks, using a variety of media, and with a common objective of advancing humanities and social science teaching and research. H-Net was created to provide a positive, supportive, egalitarian environment for the friendly exchange of ideas and scholarly resources.

The goals of H-NET networks are to enable scholars to easily communicate current research and teaching interests; to discuss new approaches, methods and tools of analysis; to share information on electronic databases; and to test new ideas and share comments on the literature in their fields.

H-Net's Council Policies and Bylaws, along with a list of its officers and committees, is available at: <http://www.h-net.org/about/>

Among H-Net's many services are:

- Book and software reviews: timely, exhaustive, authoritative, professional, fast. Mailed through our lists and stored in searchable, printable, retrievable format on our site at <http://www.h-net.org/reviews>.

- Job guide postings: at regular intervals, H-Net offers employment information in a broad array of fields in the humanities and social sciences. <https://www.h-net.org/jobs/home.php>

- H-Net calendar: announcements of conferences, papers, and professional activities, archived and searchable at our web site. You can visit our site and sample these and other services, at: <http://www.h-net.org/announce>

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