20th International Symposium, Medieval and Early Modern Studies: Globalism and Meeting Foreign Worlds in the Pre-Modern Era, 2022

Date: April 30 - May 1, 2022

Time: 4/30: 7:00 AM -3:00 PM  
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      (Arizona Time)

Location: Online both days at: https://arizona.zoom.us/j/89140302587 (no password needed)

The 2022 symposium at the University of Arizona will focus on Globalism and Meeting the Foreign World in the Pre-Modern World. This is a broad topic, but it suggests many new reflections.

We would become myopic once again if we demanded of all pre-modern scholars suddenly to think about connections between Africa and Europe or Asia when they did not exist. Global can mean many things. I just read a fascinating vol. on falconry, primarily in the Middle East, and learned that the Mamluks imported heavily gyrfalcons from Iceland and Sweden to Egypt. That’s global! This symposium will simply widen our perspectives beyond traditional medieval and early modern Christian Europe and explore the wider connectivity across languages, religion, culture, and economics. Globalism is here to be understood as a broader perspective toward the foreign world, but not in the traditional approach pertaining to medieval and early modern travel literature. Instead, the question will focus on the encounter of the foreign through literary, artistic, economic, religious, or musical contacts or studies.

There are firm plans to publish a volume based on the presentations, with the papers fully developed and deeply researched, with Walter De Gruyter.

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