



# EMREM

Early Medieval - Medieval - Renaissance - Reformation - Early Modern  
Postgraduate Forum

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The EMREM Postgraduate Forum Annual Symposium

# Seen and Unseen

## (De)Constructing Medieval and Early Modern Perceptions

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014  
University of Birmingham

Papers are invited for the 2014 EMREM two-day interdisciplinary symposium at the University of Birmingham.

This year's theme addresses Medieval and Early Modern perceptions, with a focus on the 'seen and unseen'. How were means of perception rationalised and represented in texts, records, rituals, art and literature? In what ways do themes concerning the visible and invisible manifest themselves in sources, and what in turn can be learnt about medieval and early modern perceptions from these? What can exploration of the seen and unseen tell us about constructions of marginalisation and social exclusion in the past?

Postgraduate speakers from all disciplines are welcome to share their research at this friendly and well-established symposium.

Possible topics might include, but are not limited to:

- Visions, dreams and religious experience
- Magic and the supernatural
- Minorities and the persecuted
- Sacred space, environment and architecture
- Texts, narratives and manuscript traditions
- Concealed and/or explicit religious and cultural identities
- Power and influence
- Ways of seeing (physical and spiritual)
- Gender roles and perceived social norms
- The implications of social exclusion
- Displays of and the vocabulary concerning emotion
- Memory and legacy
- Social status and/or community roles
- Boundaries and regionality
- Ghosts and the afterlife
- Hidden meanings of language and linguistic insinuations
- Privacy and the built environment

Papers should be **20 minutes** in length. Please send proposals of approximately **300 words** to [emremforum@googlemail.com](mailto:emremforum@googlemail.com) by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014**.

Limited funding is available to help cover external speakers' travel and accommodation expenses. Refreshments and numerous networking opportunities provided. Please indicate whether you would like to apply for a funding bursary in your email.