

## Postgraduate & Advanced Training Seminar Monash October 2014

### Political Ideas and Medieval Texts: Methodologies & Resources

**Saturday 25 October 2014 9.30-4.30pm**

[Premises of ACJC, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Building H, Monash University (Caulfield Campus)]

**Welcome!** The aim of this PATS is to reflect on various methodologies and potential resources when exploring underlying 'political' concepts in the pre-modern world.

The day will be run as a series of presenter-led workshops and participant-led discussions. The workshops will focus on the relationship between political concepts and three broad areas – Law, Literature & Theology. Each workshop will aim to introduce an approach to examining political ideas in pre-modern society via particular types of sources. Participants will be encouraged to explore the value of these approaches further via a series of short related readings. The workshops will be interspersed with a series of discussions in which participants will be asked to introduce and reflect on their own work.

We'd like to ask all participants to prepare for the PATS by doing two things:

- Firstly, please take a look at the **short readings** relevant to each workshop.
- Secondly, we'd like to invite each of you to give a **very short presentation** – no longer than 3 minutes! – connected with your own research. This presentation should aim to provide an overview of the area in which you are working and some indication of how you think developing a better understanding of political ideas will enhance your research. If you wish, you can use one Powerpoint slide by way of illustration.

#### Day at a Glance

	Session	
09:30-09:45	Welcome & Introduction	Chris Jones
09:45-10:45	Workshop 1: Political Ideas & Law	Kriston Rennie
10:45-11:00	COFFEE	
11:00-12:00	Reflection & Discussion I	Participant-Led (Chair: Clare Monagle)
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	
13:00-14:00	Workshop 2: Political Ideas & Literature	Chris Jones
14:00-15:00	Reflection & Discussion II	Participant-Led (Chair: Kriston Rennie)
15:00-15:15	COFFEE	
15:15-16:15	Workshop 3: Political Ideas & Theology	Clare Monagle
16:15-16:30	Wrapping Up	Chris Jones

**Workshop 1 Reading:** Gregory the Great's letter to Bishop Marinianus of Ravenna (8.17); Tit. 4, c.39 from the Collection in Seventy-Four Titles; The Formulary of Marculf, I.1

**Workshop 2 Reading:** Extracts from the *Récits* of the anonymous Minstrel of Reims (c. 1260s).

**Workshop 3 Reading:** Canons 1-3, The Fourth Lateran Council, 1215