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Sacred Landscapes and Social Reform in Medieval Europe

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue looks closely at the intersection of environment, faith, and social circumstances in medieval landscapes. We invite contributions that explore the dynamic relationship between medieval societies and the landscapes that shaped, and were shaped by, spiritual experiences, Aims: This Special Issue aims to situate the machinations of social geographies within the medieval landscape, broadly defined. The historiography of the medieval world generally privileges the city; this issue regards rural spaces as an equally important focus of study. We are pleased to invite scholars from multiple disciplines (literature, history, archeology, music, languages, etc.) to explore the topic across a wide geography. We seek to put different theoretical and methodological approaches in conversation and encourage interdisciplinary studies. Suggested Themes: We invite proposals that pursue our goals through study of landuse patterns, borders and frontiers, notions of wilderness and nature, perspectives of sacred and profane space, personal and communal devotions, and feasting and other celebrations that defined social boundaries.

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