

Special Issue

Visionary and Contemplative Practice in the Medieval World

Message from the Guest Editors

The past few decades have seen important developments in research on visions and visionaries, and on contemplation and contemplatives, in the Middle Ages both inside and outside of Europe. This Special Issue seeks to develop established as well as new connections between medieval visionary practice and medieval contemplative practice. While both focus on interior perception and reception of the divine, they present quite different modes of individual agency, and different relationships to other forms of spiritual practice such as reading, prayer, meditation, liturgy, etc. How might we better understand medieval religious culture and spirituality by better mapping the relationship between visionary and contemplative practice? How does this relationship vary chronologically and geographically? Scholars working on medieval sources in a wide range of humanities fields are invited to submit abstracts that consider these questions in religions including but not limited to Christianity, across the medieval world, defined broadly.

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