

Medieval Mystical Theology in Dialogue with Contemporary Thought: Conference Programme

WEDNESDAY 30 May 2018

13.00-16.30	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (Entrance hall, MTC)
17.00-18.00	ORGANIZERS' INTRODUCTION: Professors Rob Faesen & Lieven Boeve (Promotion Hall, Naamsestraat 22)
18.30-20.00	Exhibition opening: "Hildegard of Bingen in the Low Countries. The Dendermonde Codex", followed by a reception (Maurits Sabbe Library)

THURSDAY 31 May 2018

9.00-10.30	SESSION 1-A (MTC 01.03) Mysticism and Embodiment: the Suffering Body			SESSION 1-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism in Dialogue			
	Amy Maxey (Notre Dame): "The Entanglement of Death and Desire in Mechthild of Magdeburg"	Sander Vloeberghs (KUL): "Love and Suffering in Medieval Mystical Women"	Seth J.A. Alexander (Loyola Chicago): "Expiation, Mortification, and Divine Sickness: Interpreting the Meaning of the Suffering Bodies <i>Mulieres Sanctae</i> "	Kenneth Ameke (KUL): "The Personal Experiences of the Holy Spirit: a Pentecostal Influence from Medieval Mystics"	Satoshi Kikuchi (KUL): "Ruusbroec's Trinitarian Mysticism in a Time of Division and Isolation"	Paschal Ikenna (KUL): "Das Fremde: Dialogue and Mysticism"	
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK						
11.00-13.00	SESSION 2-A (MTC 01.03) Presence and Absence (4-paper session)			SESSION 2-B (MTC 01.15) Women and Mysticism: Past and Present (4-paper session)			
Mark Elliott (St. Andrews): "Practising the Presence"	Isabella Bruckner (KFU Graz): "'Rendezvous desire: the Spiritual Wanderer - A Mystic Pilgrim? Spiritual Exploration of the Other Following the Tracks of Michel de Certeau"	Jacob Benjamins (KUL): "Secularization and the Absence of God"	Markus Maria Wagner (independent): "Towards a Resolute Reading of Mystics' Negative Statements: Applying Concepts from Research on Wittgenstein to Enrich Our Understanding of Mysticism"	Kate Kirkpatrick (UoHertfordshire): "Mysticism and Mystification in Simone de Beauvoir"	Jane Clark (Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabî Society): "Women in the Life and Thought of Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabî (1165-1240)"	Henry Barrett (Shimer Great Books School at North Central College): "Language and embodiment in the discourse of Maria Maddalena de' Pazzi"	Einat Klafter (Tel Aviv): "Margery Kempe in the Footsteps of Holy Mothers"
13.00-14.30	LUNCH BREAK						
14.30-16.00	SESSION 3-A (MTC 01.03) Mysticism and Materiality			SESSION 3-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism and Christology			
	Katrien Houbey (Erfgoed Haspengouw) & Jeroen Reyniers (KIK-IRPA), "The History and Spiritual Significance of the Chair of Lutgard of Tongeren"	Margaret V. Douglas (UoDurham): "When Mysticism Had No Name: the Visual Theology of the Book of Kells"	Amanda Langley (Queen Mary): "Embodied Environments and the Building of the Soul: Beatrice of Nazareth's Monastery of the Heart and Agnes Blannbekin's 'Stations' of Christ"	S. Kyle Johnson (Boston College): "The Mystical Body and the Black Christ"	Raul-Ovidiu Bodea (KUL): "Echoes and Receptions of Jakob Boehme's Mysticism in Nikolai Berdyaev's Religious Thought"	Anthony Atansi (KUL): "The African Experience of Christ: Mysticism and the Christological Imagination in Contemporary African Christianity."	
16.00-16.30	BREAK						
16.30-18.30	KEYNOTE SESSION 1: Professors Carolyn Muessig & Alessandra Bartolomei Romagnoli (Promotion Hall, Naamsestraat 22)						
20.30	CONCERT Psallentes: The Hours of Hildegard of Bingen - from the <i>Symphonia</i> (Church of Saint John the Baptist, Major Beguinage, Leuven)						

FRIDAY 1 June 2018

9.00-10.30	SESSION 4-A (MTC 01.03) Mysticism and Liturgy			SESSION 4-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism and the Scholastic Tradition			
	Veerle Fraeters (UoAntwerp): “Baptised in the Depth of God: Liturgy and Mysticism in Hadewijch’s Visions”	Samantha Slaubaugh (Notre Dame): “Beatrice of Nazareth: Liturgical Participation Through Ecstasy and Eucharist”	T. Derrick Witherington (KUL): “Broken Open for the Life of the World: A Recontextualization of the Feast of Corpus Christi”	Jennifer Griggs (Ruhr- Univeristät Bochum): “From Scholasticism to Mysticism: Barhebraeus and the Problem of Onto-Theology”	Marcus Gaffney (KUL): “When Not To Pray: The Sin Unto Death in 1 John 5:16-17 in the Commentary of Jean de Gagny”	Karen Andrea Gallegos Ceballos (CEU): “Bataille’s Reception of Aquinas’ Theology”	
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK						
11.00-12.30 (5-A) 11.00-13.00 (5-B)	SESSION 5-A (MTC 01.03) Julian of Norwich			SESSION 5-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism and Politics (4-paper session)			
	Laura Moncion (Toronto): “Death and the Recluse”	Andrew Lee (GTU, Berkeley): “Can this Text Still Speak: Reading Julian of Norwich’s Prayer for Illness as (Fully a Part of) a Classic Text of Embodied Mysticism”	Bradford Manderfield (Saint Meinrad’s): “A Dialogue Between Julian of Norwich and Jean- Francois Lyotard”	Daniel Minch (KUL): “Mysticism and the Future of Christian Political Theology: the Interrelation of Politics and Mysticism in the Works of Edward Schillebeeckx”	Inigo Bocken (Titus Brandsma): “Mysticism and Politics in Michel de Certeau”	Maria Exall (Canterbury Christ Church): “Brexit and the Citizenship of Nowhere”	Wilson Angelo Espiritu (KUL/Ateneo de Manila University): “Exploring a Soteriology from Below: Popular Piety and Schillebeeckx’s Mystical-Political Hermeneutics of Liberation”
13.00-14.30	LUNCH BREAK						
14.30-16.00	SESSION 6-A (MTC 01.03) Mysticism and Sacramentality			SESSION 6-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism and Deification			
	Anne Siebesma (KUL): “The Politics of the Church as Sacrament: Retrieving De Lubac’s Notion of the Church as Sacrament”	Victor Yudin (CEDER UCLouvain-la-Neuve): “Sophrony Sakharov’s 20 th -c. use of a Jesus prayer service as a response to the 14 th c. Medieval Byzantine onomadox controversy”	Rachel Davies (Australian Catholic University): “‘You Did it to Me’: Mother Teresa on the Poor as Sacrament”	Louise Nelstrop (Oxford/York St. Johns’): “Lost in (Vernacular) Translation? Deification in Medieval English Mysticism”	Lieve Uyttenhove (KUL): “Maria of Oisterwick: A Medieval Mystical Author in the Footsteps of John of Ruusbroec”	John Arblaster (KUL): “Deification and Communion: Beatrice of Nazareth’s Common Love”	
16.00-17.00	BREAK						
17.00-19.00	KEYNOTE SESSION 2: Professors Marc De Kesel & Robyn Horner (Promotion Hall, Naamsestraat 22)						
19.00-19.30	Short dance presentation: Work in Progress by Sander Vloebergs (Jubilee Hall, Naamsestraat 22)						

SATURDAY 2 June 2018

9.00-10.30	SESSION 7-A (MTC 01.03) Early Modern Mystics			SESSION 7-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism and Language			
	Anton de Preter (KUL): "A Curious Interest?" The Involvement of the First Generation of Jansenists with Mystically Inspired Capuchins"	Paul Arblaster (Saint-Louis Brussels): "Margaret of the Mother of God:" Translating and Transforming a Spiritual Memoir"	Rik Van Nieuwenhove (UoDurham): "The theological virtues, interiorisation, and the author of the <i>Temple of Our Soul</i> & the <i>Evangelical Pearl</i> "	Dinah Wouters (UoGhent): " <i>Ennarrabiliter</i> : Hildegard of Bingen's Use of Allegory and the Mystical Tradition"	Kris Van Put (UoAntwerp): "Love, Linguistic Ambiguity and Pedagogy in the Seven Manners of Love"	Artem Kachurin (CEU): "Deleuze and Porphyry on Language and Knowledge"	
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK						
11.00-13.00	SESSION 8-A (MTC 01.03) Lesser-Known Medieval Mystical Authors and Texts (4-paper session)			SESSION 8-B (MTC 01.15) Mysticism and Eros/Desire (4-paper session)			
Ine Kiekens (UoAntwerp): "The Twelve Virtues"	Andreas Kofinakis (UoAthens): "The Mystical Experience of Na Prous Boneta: Unveiling a 14th-c. Heretical Utopia of the Holy Spirit"	Lydia Shahan (KUL): "The Limburg Sermons: The Transmission and Mystical Legacy of Beatrice of Nazareth's Seven Manners of Love."	Racha Kirakosian (Harvard): "The Mystical Theology of the 13th-c. Premonstratensian Christina of Hane"	Jane Foulcher (Charles Sturt University): "Let Him Kiss Me with the Kiss of His Mouth:' Bernard of Clairvaux and Sarah Coakley on Desire"	Christophe D'Aloisio (UCLouvain-la-Neuve/Orthodox Institute): "Eros and Orthodox Ecclesiology"	Joana Serrado (UoPorto): "Forty Ways of Loving, or Hadewijch as Philosopher of Love"	Michael Miller (Liverpool Hope University): "One Body or Two: The Kabbalistic Tree of Sefirot and Eros"
13.00-14.30	LUNCH BREAK						
14.30-16.00	SESSION 9-A (MTC 01.03) Love and Knowledge in the Mystical Tradition			SESSION 9-B (MTC 01.15) Italian Mysticism			
	Hans Martin Pech (Harvard): "Reassurance from Nothing: On the Conditions of the Distribution of Knowledge in Henry Suso's <i>Vita</i> "	Davi Chang Ribeiro Lin (FAJE/KUL): "Love and Humility Through Absolute Poverty: a Dialogue Between Adelia Prado's Mystical Poetry and Saint Augustine's Confessional Language"	Barbara Tautz (UoCologne): "The Humility and Humanity of Christ in Hadewijch's Visions"	Dominic Abbott (KUL): "'O Sublime humility! O Humble sublimity!' The Crib, the Cross, and the Eucharist in the Thought of St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)."	Michael Hahn (St. Andrews): "The Mount La Verna Mystics? Historiographical questions about the use of hagiographic texts in assessing the mysticism of Francis of Assisi and Bonaventure."		Piotr Bialecki (UoWarsaw): "Vernacular Theology in 14th-c. Florence: Did it Really Exist?"
16.00-17.00	BREAK						
17.00-19.00	KEYNOTE SESSION 3: Professors Amy Hollywood & Bernard McGinn (Promotion Hall, Naamsestraat 22)						
19.30-22.00	CONFERENCE DINNER (Bebop Restaurant, Tiensestraat 82)						