

# CONFLICT AND CONTROVERSY

## c. 850-1550

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The Middle Ages are understood as a most barbarous period; a time when conflict was fought out on the battlefields with bloodshed and brutality.

This interdisciplinary postgraduate conference seeks to examine this idea, both broadening an understanding of warfare and violence in the medieval period, as well as analysing other ways in which difference was articulated and (un)resolved at individual, societal and national levels.

Delegates may also wish to consider how our own twenty-first century sensibilities affect our understanding of conflict in premodern cultures.

Topics might include, but are not limited to:

- The role of trauma in shaping national and individual identities
- Manifestations of discord within the organisations intended to regulate society; church, government and monarchy
- Spectacular violence and public displays of brutality
- Heretical subjects and deviance in Christological culture
- The politicised uses of violent images in written and visual narratives
- Political conflicts and the distribution of power
- Inner conflicts and anxieties about personal selfhood
- Representations of conflict in familial or domestic spheres
- Representations of medieval conflict in post-medieval culture

Papers from early career researchers are also welcome

Abstracts of 300 words should be sent to Kathy Frances (PhD student) at [medconflict@live.co.uk](mailto:medconflict@live.co.uk) by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010.



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