



Cologne-Toronto On-line Graduate Student Colloquium **29 Apr. 2022, 9:00 EST / 15:00 CEST**

After a compulsory break of two years, we are pleased to announce a resumption of the Cologne-Toronto Graduate Student Colloquium, co-sponsored by the Centres for Medieval Studies at both institutions and the a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School at the University of Cologne (Germany).

In the past two years, many new students will have begun their doctoral work at both institutions, and although we hope to host an in-person colloquium in Toronto next fall, we have decided to hold a preliminary on-line session this month as a means of re-establishing contact and enabling students from both sides of the Atlantic to engage with one another in a way that would be impossible even in person.

Our proposal is that students who have achieved candidacy (P4+) since winter 2020 be given the first opportunity to present their research in “poster presentations” of ca. 15 mins., and that alumnae/i of past colloquia – or indeed, postdoctoral fellows and new faculty members – who are interested in participating be accommodated as scheduling allows. We aim to keep this informal, spontaneous, and flexible, a means of becoming (re)acquainted vs. conference *stricto sensu*, and to initiate preparations for an in-person colloquium in Toronto next fall, pandemics permitting.

The event will take place on **Friday, April 29th, 9:00AM EST** and last for three to four hours depending on the number of participants. Those wishing to participate should send a brief expression of interest to Rhonda at gradadm.medieval@utoronto.ca on or by **Friday, April 15th**, project titles and abstracts will be solicited once a blank schedule has been established in consultation with Cologne.

Finally, on behalf of Andreas Speer, Director of the Thomas-Institut in Cologne, I send warmest greetings and an encouragement to join in this moment of revivification after the two long years of solitude.

John Magee