This Autumn School is organized for MA and PhD-students in Medieval Studies (art history, history, law, linguistics, literature, philosophy ...). Course 1 is aimed at students who are required to work with medieval legal documents or sources containing references to juridical procedures. Course 2 is intended for students wishing to contextualize historical texts in a Germanic language and for students conducting research into the field of communication during the Middle Ages (e.g. in the context of international trade, immigration, and so on).

Each course lasts for two-and-a-half days, during which leading experts in the field offer in-depth sessions on several topics related to the themes selected for this Autumn School.

In the space of two-and-a-half days, students will thus acquire a basic knowledge of either Medieval Law or communication in North-Western Europe, as well as the skills to implement this knowledge in their own research projects.

No previous knowledge is required for both classes; a solid knowledge of at least one Germanic language is highly recommended.

Both courses are delivered in English. Since the two courses are offered in sequence, participants can enroll for both.
MEDIEVAL GERMANIC LANGUAGES

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2015
Ghent, Blandijnberg, Meeting Room English (130.007)

13.30-13.45: registration
13.45-15.30: Marijke Van der Wal (Leiden University): Practice and Principles of Historical Linguistics: a focus on the Medieval Germanic Area  I
15.30-15.45: coffee break
15.45-17.30: Marijke Van der Wal : Practice and Principles of Historical Linguistics: a focus on the Medieval Germanic Area  II

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2015

9.00-10.45: Luc De Grauwe (Ghent University) : Old English and Old Dutch during the Age of William the Conqueror
10.45-11.00: coffee break
11.00-12.45: Rolf Bremmer (Leiden University): Multilingualism in England ca 800 – ca 1250
lunch
13.45-15.30: Kurt Braunmüller (University of Hamburg): Linguistic diversity and forms of communication in northern Europe in the Middle Ages
15.30-15.45: coffee break
15.45-17.30: Agnete Nesse (Bergen University College): Language and Communication in the Hanseatic Area (Northern Part)

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2015

9.00-10.45: Rita Schlusemann (Utrecht University, Free University of Berlin) : Cultural and literary exchange from Antwerp to Lübeck
10.45-11.00: coffee break
11.00-12.45: Luc De Grauwe (Ghent University) : The Historical Relationship between German and Dutch
lunch
13.45-15.30: Frank Willaert (University of Antwerp): Reading preferences in Dutch speaking regions east and west of the Scheldt
15.30-15.45: coffee break
15.45-17.30: tbc
APPLICATION
The application deadline is September 10, 2015. There will be a maximum of 20 participants per course. Applications should be sent to Martine.DeReu@UGent.be and must contain the following information: course applied for, university where your MA or PhD will be obtained, mother tongue, level of English, research topic for your master's or doctoral thesis and, only for those applying for the course on Medieval Germanic Languages and not having a Germanic Language as mother tongue: proficiency level in a (specified) Germanic language.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT
Participants need to provide for their own accommodation and transport. Useful information can be found on the following websites:

for accommodation:
www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/youth-hostels/city-hostels/gent-de-draecke (Youth Hostel)
www.hosteluppelink.com/en/welkom (Youth Hostel)
www.backstayhostels.com/ (Youth Hostel)
www.visitgent.be/
www.gent-hotels.eu/en
www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/belgium/ghent/
www.hotspecials.be/be/oost-vlaanderen/ghent.html
for trains:

MEALS
Lunches on Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be organized by the H. Pirenne Institute for Medieval Studies. Evening meals and lunch on Wednesday are not provided by the organizers.

REGISTRATION FEE
There is a registration fee of 100 EUR per course. This fee is to be paid – after confirmation has been received of acceptance in the Autumn School – into the account of Ghent University, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 25, B-9000 GHENT. Account details: IBAN: BE59-3900-9658-0026 – SWIFT: BBRU BE BB 900. The VAT-number of Ghent University is BE 0248.015.142. The bank transfer should mention “Medieval Languages and Culture 2015”. Payment of this fee is considered as confirmation of registration.

The registration fee is waived for MA and PhD students from Ghent University, from the Onderzoekschool Medievistiek (Netherlands) and from the University of Oxford.

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