

FRAGMENTS OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

Research Training on Devotional Prints and Relics from the Heritage Collection of the Ruusbroec Institute

26 April 2017

Organized by the Ruusbroec Institute

The seminar *Fragments of Heaven on Earth* offers an interactive English-spoken training for 10 PhD students and postdocs with a research interest in devotional prints and relics. This hands on research training has two aims:

- 1) to encourage reflection on the historical function, value and provenance of devotional prints and relics
- 2) to generate research questions with relevance both to researchers and curators of devotional prints and relics

Program

Morning session – Devotional Prints (9.00-12.30)

PETER NISSEN (Radboud University Nijmegen) – keynote lecture

The embodiment of belief. On the study of devotional objects and lived religion

KAREN BOWEN (Univeristy Library, University of Antwerp)

*Furthering Research in Devotionalia: The Electronic Catalogue of Devotional Prints
from the Collection of Alfons Thijs*

INGRID FALQUE (Université Catholique de Louvain)

Topic: Functions of Religious Graphics – Prayer, Devotion, Meditation

Afternoon session - Relics (13.30-17.00)

EVELYNE VERHEGGEN (independent researcher)

Spiritual Pilgrimage: Relics since Early Modern Times – Production and Devotion

CHARLES CASPERS (Titus Brandsma Institute, Nijmegen)

Body and feast: Relics – Function, Use and Meaning

HANS GEYBELS (University of Leuven)

Topic: Challenges for Future Research

Venue: Ruusbroec Institute Library (Grote Kauwenberg 32 – 2000 Antwerp)

No fee: lunch, coffee breaks, and closing reception included

For registration, please send an e-mail to ruusbroec@uantwerpen.be with the following information:

- PhD or postdoc?
- affiliation
- current research project
- short motivation for your registration

The number of participants is limited to 10 **PhD students** and **postdocs**. Admittance will be in order of registration after evaluation of the motivations. **Master students** can register but will only be admitted when the maximum number of participants is not reached. You will receive a confirmation of your admittance before 1 April 2017, which will include further details. For more information, please contact daniel.ermens@uantwerpen.be.



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