

The Face of Battle in Medieval History and Literature

8th Annual “Symposium by the Sea”
Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Research (MEMO), Swansea University

Thursday 19 June – Friday 20 June 2014
James Callaghan Building, Swansea University

THURSDAY 19 JUNE

PG Workshop

James Callaghan Lecture Theatre

9.00: Registration

9.30: Welcome and information: Professor Daniel Power (Director of MEMO)

9.40: **1st PG Session: *Crusades and holy wars***

Kenny Parsons (University of Leeds): ‘A man in a corner: Guy de Lusignan and the Battle of Hattin, 1187.’

Tim Rowbotham (University of York): ‘The siege and its place in open warfare in the Norman conquest of Southern Italy and Sicily.’

Michael Fulton (Cardiff University): ‘Institutionalising artillery: the development of prefabricated artillery in and around the Frankish East.’

11.00: Coffee

11.25: **2nd PG Session: *Warfare in Late Medieval Britain and France***

Trevor Russell Smith (University of Leeds): ‘Style, substance, and focus across genres: contemporary criticism and praise of the Crécy campaign.’

Katherine Eleutheria Basanti (University of Aberdeen): ‘Knighthood of the North: Scottish crusade warrior commemoration in Walter Bower’s *Scotichronicon* (1441-45).’

Alexander Hodgkins (University of Leeds): ‘“An Outrageous and Detestable Mischief”: rebellion, warfare, and the other face of battle (15th-16th centuries).’

12.45: lunch

Basement Foyer, James Callaghan Building

1.30 3rd PG Session: *Representations of Warfare in the Late Middle Ages*

Kelsey M. Howard (Courtauld Institute, University of London): ‘The stone army of Alnwick Castle: a link to the past.’

Iason-Eleftherios Tzouriadis (University of Leeds): ‘A hammer fit for a king: the iconography of kings holding staff weapons in the late Middle Ages.’

2.20: pause

2.30 Main Conference (1) *James Callaghan Lecture Theatre*

2.30: Welcome and information: Prof. Daniel Power (Director of MEMO)

2.40: Introduction to the works of John France: Prof. Kelly De Vries (Loyola University, Maryland)

3.00: 1st session: *The impact of battle*

Dr Matthew Bennett (Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst): ‘The unseen faces of battle? Ordinary soldiers in 12th-century historical and literary sources.’

Dr Irina Metzler (Swansea University): ‘Medieval battles and disability: causes and consequences of permanent injuries.’

4.30: Tea

5.00: 2nd session: Medieval Battles: *The Battle of Crécy (1346)*

Prof. Michael Livingston (The Citadel Military College, South Carolina): ‘The location of Crécy.’

Prof. Kelly DeVries (Loyola University, Maryland): ‘The tactics of Crécy.’

6.30: Close of Conference

Dinner (nearby restaurant)

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

Main Conference (2) *James Callaghan Lecture Theatre*

9.00 Registration (2)

9.25 Welcome and information: Prof. Daniel Power (Director of MEMO)

9.30: **3rd session: *Crusading Warfare***

Dr Nicholas Morton (Nottingham Trent University): ‘Encountering the Seljuks: the First Crusaders’ foreknowledge of their Turkish enemies.’

Dr Rabei Khamisy (Cardiff University): ‘Some notes about Ayyūbid and Mamluk military terms.’

11.00: Coffee

11.30: **4th session: *The Theory and Practice of Medieval Warfare***

Dr Andrew Ayton (University of Hull): ‘The challenge of battle for the historian of late medieval warfare.’

Dr Flavio Sanza (Swansea University): ‘Behind the medieval war: Vegetius’s *De re militari*.’

1.00: Lunch *Basement Foyer, James Callaghan Building*

2.00: **1st Plenary Lecture: *The Battle of Bouvines (1214)***

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Prof. Matthew Strickland (Glasgow): ‘Bouvines, 1214: chroniclers, historians, and the writing of battle.’

3.15: Tea

3.45: **5th session: *Tactics and Strategies***

Mr Sean McGlynn (Strode College, University of Plymouth): ‘The unsung hero? William of Kensham and guerrilla warfare in the 13th century.’

Dr Alan Murray (University of Leeds): ‘The problem of the schiltrom: Scottish infantry tactics from Falkirk (1298) to Bannockburn (1314).’

5.15: Professor John France (Swansea): concluding remarks

5.30: End of Main Conference

6.00: **2nd Plenary Lecture: *The Battle of Bannockburn (1314)***

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Dr Michael Brown (University of St Andrews): ‘“Putting his hopes in the Lord”: Bannockburn and the judgment of battle in medieval warfare.’

7.30: Close of Conference
Dinner (nearby restaurant)