



#### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### Structure, Change and Discourse in Pre-Industrial Europe: Towards a Cross-Disciplinary Study of Social Inequalities

(Ghent University & Antwerp University; 8-9 April 2011)

Attendance is free, but registration is required: [wouter.ryckbosch@ua.ac.be](mailto:wouter.ryckbosch@ua.ac.be).

#### FRIDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> 2011

University of Antwerp, Prinsstraat 13b, 2000 Antwerp (Belgium)

##### 9.30: Introduction

Jan DUMOLYN (Ghent University) & Bruno BLONDÉ (University of Antwerp), *Introduction : Structures and Discourses of Inequality*.

##### 10.00-12.30:

##### Session I: Social Identity and Class Formation

Thierry DUTOUR (Sorbonne, Paris IV), *Les mots de l'identité sociale. Recherche sur l'identification par catégorisation en ville dans l'espace francophone (XIIIe-XVe siècles)*.

John SMAIL (University of North Carolina), *Lived Experience and Cultural Construct: Change and 'the social' in the early modern era*.

Michele CAMPOPIANO (University of Utrecht), *Social unity in times of strain: the rise of a corporate identity and the construction of a cultural memory in an Italian city-state (Pisa, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries)*.

Peter STABEL (University of Antwerp), *Becoming guildsmen in an era of economic change. Discourses on labour and social identity (Flanders in the 13th and 14th century)*.

Craig TAYLOR (University of York), *The Rhetoric of Chivalry and the Treatment of Social Inferiors in France During the Hundred Years War*.

##### 12.30-14.00: Lunch

##### 14.00-16.00:

##### Session II: Gender and Inequality

Tine DE MOOR (University of Utrecht), *Industrious and/or religious. Motivating the choice for living as a beguine in (Low countries, early modern period)*.

Els DE PAERMENTIER (Ghent University), *Powerful yet vulnerable. Female lordly power in 13<sup>th</sup> century Flanders and Hainaut*.

## **SATURDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

Ghent University, Faculteitsraadzaal, Blandijnberg 2, 9000 Gent (Belgium)

**9.00-12.00:**

### **Session III: Consumption and Inequality**

Samuel K. COHN (University of Glasgow), *Paradoxes: Rich and Poor in Western Europe and the Political Consequences, ca. 1300-1500.*

Herman ROODENBURG (Meertens Institute), *Consumption, distinction and embodiment in the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Netherlands.*

Wouter RYCKBOSCH (University of Antwerp), *Materializing social status. Household goods and inequality in 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century Aalst (Southern Netherlands).*

Frederik BUYLAERT & Bert VERWERFT (Ghent University), *Chivalry and state formation: redefining social mobility in fifteenth-century Flanders.*

**12.30-14.00: Lunch**

**14.00-16.00:**

### **Session IV : Labour & Inequality in Religion & Discourse**

Steven VANDERPUTTEN (Ghent University), *Penitential Discourse and the Social Order around 1100.*

Jeroen DEPLOIGE (Ghent University), *Melior sit rusticus textor quam nobilis iudex. Wage labour and heresy at the early 12th century.*

Hugo SOLY (Free University of Brussels), *Social Relations, Political Balances of Power, and Perceptions of Big Business: Contrasting Images of Merchants in Northern Italy and the Low Countries, 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Centuries.*

**16.00-16.30:**

**Closing discussion.**