SYLLABUS

❖ The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century ❖

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❖ Schedule of Lectures & Suggested Readings ❖

13 April
The Idea of a Twelfth-Century Renaissance

Suggested Reading:

20 April
Historical Background

Suggested Reading:
· John Contreni, Carolingian Learning, Masters, and Manuscripts (Variorum, 1992).
· Rosamond McKitterick, Books, Scribes and Learning in the Frankish Kingdoms, 6th - 9th Centuries (Variorum, 1994).

27 April
Medieval Education 1: Tradition and Change

Suggested Reading:
· George Ferzoco and Carolyn Muessig, eds. Medieval Monastic Education (Continuum, 2005).

4 May
The Political Landscape of the Twelfth Century

Suggested Reading:
· Ernst Kantorowicz, The King’s Two Bodies: a Study in Medieval Political Theology (Princeton, 1957).
11 May
The ‘Evangelical Awakening’ 1: Rethinking ‘Apostolic’

Suggested Reading:
· Lester K. Little, Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe (Cornell, 1978), pp. 61-112.

18 May
The ‘Evangelical Awakening’ 1: The Monastic Reformation

Suggested Reading:
· Lester K. Little, Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe (Cornell, 1978), pp. 1-41.

25 May Pfingstferien - No Lecture

1 June
Law & Society in the Twelfth Century

Suggested Reading:
· Stephan Kuttner, Harmony from Dissonance: an Interpretation of Medieval Canon Law (Latrobe, PA, 1960).
· Stephan Kuttner, Gratian and the Schools of Law, 1140-1234 (Variorum, 1983).

8 June
The State of Medical Knowledge in the Twelfth Century

· Nancy G. Siraisi, Medieval and Early Renaissance Medicine: an Introduction to Knowledge and Practice (Chicago, 1990).
· Monica Green, The Trotula (??, 2000).

15 June
Medieval Education 2: The Rise of the European University

Suggested Reading:

22 June
Developments in Medieval Theology: The Question of ‘Mysticism’

Suggested Reading:

29 June
Developments in Medieval Piety: What Can Historians Say about Popular Belief in the Twelfth Century?

Suggested Reading:
· Patrick Geary, *Living with the Dead in the Middle Ages* (Cornell, 1994).

6 July
In Search of Twelfth-Century ‘Mentalities’: The Discovery of the Individual

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13 July
In Search of Twelfth-Century ‘Mentalities’: The Invention of the ‘Other’

Suggested Reading:

20 July
Course Conclusion
A note regarding the suggested readings

The bibliography on the twelfth century is vast. The readings suggested above are meant in no way to be exhaustive or definitive. They are, rather, a selection of ‘classic’ secondary works and newer studies, most, but not all of which appeared originally in English, which have shaped my own understanding of the twelfth century. You can find all of these texts either in the university library or in my office; many are also available in German translation. Please contact me to discuss wider possibilities for reading in your own area of interest.