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Participation through Prayer in the Late
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Monday Private Prayer strand + round table Esther Simpson Building: 1.08	Thursday Religious Temporalities strand Esther Simpson Building: 1.01	Sponsor PRAYTICIPATE - CA23143 COST Action
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Monday 06 July	11.15-12.45	129	Esther Simpson Building: 1.08	Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages, I: Temporality in Prayer Books
Monday 06 July	14.15-15.45	229	Esther Simpson Building: 1.08	Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages, II: Poetics of Prayer
Monday 06 July	16.30-18.00	329	Esther Simpson Building: 1.08	Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages, III: Images as Instruments for Prayer
Monday 06 July	19.00-20.00	429	Esther Simpson Building: 1.08	The Future of Prayer Studies: A Round Table Discussion
Thursday 09 July	09.00-10.30	1529	Esther Simpson Building: 1.01	Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books, I: Monastic and Embodied Rhythms of Devotion
Thursday 09 July	11.15-12.45	1629	Esther Simpson Building: 1.01	Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books, II: Theology, Instruction, Interpretation
Thursday 09 July	14.15-15.45	1729	Esther Simpson Building: 1.01	Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books, III: Prayer and Time in Psalters

Monday 06 July 2026

Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages + Round Table

Prayer is a deeply temporal practice, structured not only by words but also by books, images, and material scripts that shaped devotional rhythms. These sessions explore how prayer books, lyrics, images, cycles, repetitions, and material forms shaped late medieval devotional experience.

Session 129 | 11.15-12.45 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.08

Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages, I: Temporality in Prayer Books

Moderator: Thor-Oona Pignarre-Altermatt (UCLouvain)

Organisers: Anna Dlabacova (Leiden University) and Thor-Oona Pignarre-Altermatt (UCLouvain)

129-a Structuring Time: A 21st-Century Reimagining of a Medieval Book of Hours

Lieke Andrea Smits - Centre for the Arts in Society, Universiteit Leiden

129-b From the Passion of Christ to the Cyclical Nature of Liturgical Practices: Temporality in Prayer Books, as Exemplified by MS Lausanne, Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire, TP2858

Marina Andréa Rose Giraudeau - Section d'allemand, Université de Lausanne

129-c Timing the Rubric: Paratext and Material Scripts of Prayer

Ariane Bottex-Ferragne - Department of French Literature, Thought & Culture, New York University

Session 229 | 14.15-15.45 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.08

Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages, II: Poetics of Prayer

Moderator: Carolin Gluchowski (Universität Hamburg)

Organisers: Anna Dlabacova (Leiden University) and Thor-Oona Pignarre-Altermatt (UCLouvain)

229-a Chaucer's An ABC to the Virgin and the Temporalities of Prayer

Dominika Ruszkiewicz - Uniwersytet Ignatianum, Kraków

229-b Repetition and Divine Representation in the Devotional English Lyric

Marlene Dirschauer - Universität Hamburg / DFG-Forschungsgruppe 5138 'Geistliche Intermedialität in der Frühen Neuzeit'

229-c Praying and Reading with Time: Late Medieval and Early Modern Poetics of the Rosary in Italy

Marc Föcking - Institut für Romanistik, Universität Hamburg

Session 329 | 16.30-18.00 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.08

Private Prayer Across Time and Media in the Late Middle Ages, III: Images as Instruments for Prayer

Moderator: Zuleika Murat (Università degli Studi di Padova)

Organisers: Anna Dlabacova (Leiden University) and Thor-Oona Pignarre-Altermatt (UCLouvain)

329-a Praying before the End: Eschatological Time and Private Devotion in Medieval Last Judgement Imagery

Aleksandra Krauze-Kołodziej - Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II

329-b Oratio devota: A Case Study on Carthusian Prayer through Text and Images in the Late Middle Ages - Universiteitsbibliotheek Utrecht, MS 358

Sarah Borges and Ingrid Falque - EHESS, Paris / Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve

329-c Praying to Images: A Devotion Opening a Space beyond Ordinary Time

Arianna Favaretto Cortese - Dipartimento di Culture e Civiltà, Università degli Studi di Verona

Session 429 | 19.00-20.00 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.08

The Future of Prayer Studies: A Round Table Discussion

Moderator: Youri Desplenter (Universiteit Gent)

Organisers: Youri Desplenter (Universiteit Gent) and Carolin Gluchowski (Universität Hamburg)

Participants listed in the IMC programme:

- Anna Dlabacova (Universiteit Leiden)
- Marc Föcking (Universität Hamburg)
- Mercedes Pérez Vidal (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
- Jonathan Reinert (Theologische Hochschule Reutlingen)

Thursday 09 July 2026

Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books

Prayer was lived and theorized through multiple temporalities: monastic rhythms, the injunction to 'pray always', sacred time, psalters, and liturgical books. These sessions explore prayer as daily practice, theological problem, communal rhythm, and individual discipline.

Session 1529 | 09.00-10.30 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.01

Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books, I: Monastic and Embodied Rhythms of Devotion

Moderator: Youri Desplenter (Universiteit Gent)

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1529-a **Temporalities of Vernacular Marian Devotion among the Poor Clares in East Central Europe**

Ágnes Korondi and Kateřina Voleková - Hungarian National Museum Public Collection Centre / HUN-REN-NSZL Fragmenta et Codices Research Group / Akademie věd České republiky

1529-b **'Pray without ceasing': Temporalities of Continuous Worship in the Monastic Practice of the Akoimatoi**

Viktor Nedeski - St Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Ss. Cyril & Methodius University, Skopje

Session 1629 | 11.15-12.45 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.01

Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books, II: Theology, Instruction, Interpretation

Moderator: Thor-Oona Pignarre-Altermatt (UCLouvain)

Organisers: Youri Desplenter (Universiteit Gent) and Carolin Gluchowski (Universität Hamburg)

1629-a **Ritual and Theology: Prayer in 10th-Century Baghdad**

Nisa Gecekuşu Demirbaş - İlahiyat Fakültesi, Fırat Üniversitesi, Elâziğ

1629-b **What Does It Mean to Pray 'Always'?**

Jonathan Reinert - Lehrstuhl für Kirchengeschichte und Ökumenik, Theologische Hochschule Reutlingen

1629-c **'Terirems', Prayer, and the Psychology of Sacred Time**

Maria Ivanova - Institute for Population & Human Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia

Session 1729 | 14.15-15.45 | Esther Simpson Building: 1.01

Religious Temporalities and Liturgical Prayer Books, III: Prayer and Time in Psalters

Moderator: Anna Dlabacova (Universiteit Leiden)

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1729-a HTR and Medieval Prayer Networks: Large-Scale Analysis of Late Medieval Czech Psalm Manuscripts

Anna Michalcová - Czech Language Institute, Akademie věd České republiky / Charles University, Prague

1729-b Glossing the Psalms in the Later Middle Ages

Youri Desplenter and Carolin Gluchowski - Universiteit Gent / Universität Hamburg

1729-c Prayer, Time, and Hidden Messages: A Cryptogram in a Mid 16th-Century Romanian Psalter

Ana-Maria Gînsac - Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza din Iași