

2013

22, 23 March

International  
Meeting

# Models of Virtues.

The Role of Virtues in Sermons and  
Hagiography for new Saints' Cult  
(13th to 15th Century)



(A. Lorenzetti, Maestà, c. 1335. © Museo di Arte Sacra, Massa Marittima)



## Registration

Participation is open until the available places.  
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## Meeting web page

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## Scientific Committee:

- Eleonora Lombardo;
- José Meirinhos;
- Maria de Lurdes Rosa;
- Zulmira Santos.

## Organisation

- Gabinete de Filosofia Medieval / Instituto de Filosofia da Universidade do Porto
- Instituto de Estudos Medievais da FCSH da Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Centro de Investigação Transdisciplinar "Cultura, Espaço e Memória" - FLUP
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## Funding



Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto, sala 203

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The meeting intends to address the role of the theories on virtues within the discourse and cult of new saints (13th to 15th century). Despite its late medieval institution and development, canonization is not sufficient to determine the success of a new saint's cult. In fact, cults could remain confined within a limited geographic area or social group and never be celebrated throughout Christendom. In some cases, however, the inclusion in the *Catalogus sanctorum* marks the commencement or the continuation of a broad and shared devotion. Such devotion, which finds its highest expression in a series of devotional practices, may also reinterpret the figure of the saint and his/her virtues. In fact, each cult may have required an adaptation of these virtues, sometimes to aid its growth if it was not yet well established, and also to keep it fervent and relevant in order to respond to believers' changing expectations and needs.

The conference will raise the problem of studying the relationship between communication and devotion for the holiness of saints during the period from the thirteenth to the fifteenth century, a period that saw the affirmation of the new mendicant orders. Special attention will be given to specific virtues that were proposed for each saint. It was in this period, in fact, that preachers and hagiographers started to present holiness not as a result of saints' miracles, but of their virtues. The conference will focus mainly on the study of two types of sources: hagiography and sermon literature (although the study of other sources is not excluded). In particular, the conference seeks to approach the two sources simultaneously sources, these last addressing them a series of questions on the construction and dissemination of the image of a given saint. Presentations will consider specific questions, with the ultimate goal of identifying the techniques and messages contained in hagiography and in *sermones de sanctis* to spread the new devotion to a saint, and/or to encourage or promote a person's canonization.

## PROGRAM

### 22 MARCH Room 203

#### 9h00 - 9h15

Opening session

**Prof. Maria de Fátima Marinho**, Dean Faculdade de Letras,

Provincial da Família Franciscana Portuguesa, Representante do Instituto de Estudos Medievais, Universidade Nova de Lisboa;

**Luís Amaral**, Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, UCP;

**Maria Cristina Cunha**, Centro de Investigação Transdisciplinar "Cultura, Espaço e Memória" - FLUP; **José Meirinhos**, Instituto de Filosofia, UP

#### 9h15 - 10h45

**1. Nicole Bériou** (IRHT, Paris): Les vertus des saints dans les sermons de l'archevêque de Pise Federico Visconti

**2. Franco Morenzoni** (Université de Genève): Hagiographie, pastorale et histoire dans les sermons pour la fête de Thomas Becket (XIIe - XVe s.)

#### 11h00 - 13h00

**3. André Vauchez** (Université Paris IV?) Les vertus dans les écrits de S. François d'Assise et les textes



hagiographiques franciscains du XIIIe siècle

**4. Valentina Berardini** (Università degli Studi di Macerata): *Dominicus inter nebulae peccatorum positus radios sue clare vite lucidius diffundebat*: preaching about virtues of Saint Dominic of Calaruega

#### 14h30 - 16h30

**5. Alison Moore** (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen): Virtue and Reform: The Changing image of Clare of Assisi in the later Middle Ages

**6. Otto Gecser** (Department of Sociology, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): The Virtues of St. Elizabeth in Medieval Latin Sermons

**7. Eleonora Lombardo** (Gabinete de Filosofia Medieval, FLUP – Instituto de Estudos Medievais, UNL): *Multipliciter commendatur beatus Antonius. St. Anthony as model of virtues for Franciscan friars*

#### 16h45 - 18h30

**Round Table : Medieval sermons and Hagiography in Portugal**

**Chair : Zulmira Santos**

**8. António Manuel Rebelo** (FL-UC)

**9. Gilberto Moiteiro** (IEM – UNL)

**10. João Luís Fontes** (IEM – UNL / CEHR)

**11. Pedro Picoito** (IEM – UNL)

### 23 MARCH - Room 203

#### 9h30 - 11h

**12. Giovanni Paolo Maggioni** (Università degli Studi del Molise): La figura di Pietro martire nelle raccolte di sermoni 'de sanctis' di Iacopo da Voragine

**13. Sophie Delmas** (Université Lumière - Lyon 2): « Entre l'Eglise et l'Etat » : les vertus disputées de Louis d'Anjou, prince, franciscain et évêque.

#### 11h15 - 12h45

**13. Stanislava Kuzmova** (Central European University, Budapest): St. Stanislaus of Cracow as a Model of Virtues in Sermons and Hagiography

**15. Isabel Dias** (FCHS/Universidade do Algarve): Le thème de la vertu dans les sermons consacrés aux protomartyrs franciscains

#### 14h30 - 16h00

**16. Augusto Aires Nascimento**: Cânone de virtudes em santidade laical: a figura de Nuno de Santa Maria / Nuno Álvares Pereira, na lição do rei D. Duarte.

**17. Maria de Lurdes Rosa**: O esquema de sermão de D. Duarte para as exéquias de D. João I: um rei santo ou um rei exemplar?

#### 16h15 - 17h45

**18. Pietro Delcorno** (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen): *O felix adulecentia Bernardini!* – Bernardino da Siena as a Model for the Laity

**19. G. Ferzoco** (University of Bristol): Wasted Models of Virtues? Reflections on the Use and Abuse of Late Medieval Canonizations

#### 18h30-19h00

Conclusions / Closing session

**Eleonora Lombardo**, FLUP-FCSHUNL

**Maria de Lurdes Rosa**, IEM - FCSHUNL

**Zulmira Santos**, CITCEM - FLUP

**José Meirinhos**, GFM/IF - FLUP

#### 20h00

Igreja de S. Francisco, *Preaching of a Sermon of S. Anthony of Lisboa/Padova*

Igreja de S. Francisco, *Declamação de excertos de Sermões de S. António*

