

Call for applications for PhD course

Medieval Canon Law & the Scandinavian Connection

The Swedish and Finnish Institutes in Rome 30th May - 2nd June 2022

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Deadline for application: 15th March 2022

Canon Law – the medieval Church Law – had a marked influence upon Scandinavian societies and laws, lay as well as ecclesiastical. Still, Canon Law remains an all too understudied aspect of Nordic history. To encourage more engagement with this remarkable legal system, and to help train a new generation of scholars working with laws and legal questions in the medieval Scandinavian context, we invite participants to join in an intensive workshop that will bring together early career researchers from across the Nordic countries with Canon Law and legal experts from Scandinavia. In so doing, participants will not only benefit from the knowledge, skills, and tools gained in the course, but also from the valuable networking opportunities that the workshop will provide.

Organized in cooperation with the Centre for Medieval Studies at Stockholm University, the workshop, consisting of lectures and group work, will provide an in-depth introduction to medieval canon law, with the aim to:

1. Contribute to a better understanding of what Canon Law was in the Medieval context, its theoretical foundations and how it worked in practice, as well as its influence on Scandinavia, both with regards to its application in the region and influence on secular and ecclesiastical legislation.
2. Provide practical knowledge of and skills for researchers to navigate and interpret Canon Law sources.
3. Benefit participants by situating their learning in Canon Law's original context, Rome.

The doctoral course consists of a four-day workshop including lectures by international experts, presentations by participants and practical group work with source material, as well as half-day excursions to relevant sites and monuments in Rome, including the Lateran Church and the Vatican Archives.

The participants must 1) submit a 5-page paper and dossier of relevant source material addressing a case from their research for which canon law holds relevance. The assignment is to be submitted no later than 15th May. Participants are also to prepare an accompanying presentation to be delivered during the workshop; 2) read theoretical literature before the course; 3) participate in the workshop and write a further 5-page paper reflecting on their initial case and how their understanding of it has evolved over the course, to be submitted no later than 10th June. The course equals 5 ECTS.

The number of doctoral students is limited to 14. Travel and accommodation will be covered by participants, and an additional fee of 150 euros will be required to cover common dinners and excursions. This fee will be waived in the event the workshop receives full funding.

To apply: submit 1) a one-page description of your project, and 2) a CV, latest on 15th March to fraser.miller@historia.su.se and emma.holmberg@historia.su.se.

You will receive an answer on your application by 22nd March.

Program

Day 1 – Foundations of Canon Law

Morning at the Swedish Institute

09:00-09:20 Introductions and breakdown of workshop

09:10-12:30 “**Canon Law for the Medievalist**”

Anders Winroth and Kirsi Salonen will introduce the basics of medieval canon law. The session will begin with a lecture followed by hands-on work with case studies.

Themes:

What Is Canon Law and How Does It Look?

Development of Medieval Canon Law

Shortcuts to Canon Law Doctrine

How Was Canon Law Used in Practice?

Navigating Canon Law

Canonistic Procedure and Ecclesiastical Courts

Excursion: Lateran Councils – Constantine’s donation.

14.00-18:00 – Lateran Church: Councils and Alexander III and Innocent III, Ss. Quattro Coronati: Constantine’s donation and fortress of the Lateran, Santa Croce in Gerusalemme: Helena and Jerusalem, and S. Maria Maggiore,
Prepared presentations by participants

Day 2 – Canon Law and Scandinavia

Morning at the Swedish Institute

09:00-12:30: “**Canon Law’s Entrance into Scandinavia**”

Miriam Tveit and Anders Winroth will introduce the subject of Canon Law and its influence in the Scandinavian context.

The session will begin with a lecture followed by hands-on work with case studies.

Themes:

What is Local Canon Law (kristenretter, kyrkobalker, kirkelove)?

Canon Law’s Influence on the Scandinavian Legal Systems

The Interplay of the Secular and the Ecclesiastical in the Scandinavian Legal Context

14:00-18:00 – Tour of the Vatican Archives

Prepared presentations by participants.

Day 3 – Violence and Canon Law

Morning at the Finnish Institute

09:00-12:30 **“An Act of Love: Violence in Canon Law”**

Kurt Villads Jensen and Kirsi Salonen will introduce the subject of violence in Canon Law.

The session will begin with a lecture followed by hands-on work with case studies.

Themes:

Violence and the Peace in Canon Law

Canon Law’s Criteria for Just War

Violence and Penitence

Just War Criteria in Canon Law

Clerics and Violence

Excursion: Nordic pilgrims and lawyers in Rome and the Rota

14:00-18:00: Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, The Birgitte House, S. Maria dell’ Anima and Pantheon.

Prepared presentations by participants

Day 4 – Marriage, Sex, and Consent

Morning at the Finnish Institute

09:00-12:30: **“Individual Choices and Family Control”**

Helle Vogt, Kirsi Salonen and Miriam Tveit will introduce the subject of marriage in Canon Law.

The session will begin with a lecture followed by hands-on work with case studies.

Themes:

Marriage Regulations in Canon Law

Marital Impediments and Scandinavian Genealogy

Marriage and the Scandinavian Church Laws