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**THE INSTITUTE OF MEDIEVAL STUDIES**  
**PROMOTING RESEARCH AND SUPPORTING RESEARCHERS**



## WHERE WE ARE

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## WHO WE ARE

The Institute for Medieval Studies (IEM) is a Research Centre of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at the Nova University, sponsored by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT).

We aim to promote high quality research in the medieval field by networking with other researchers, both in Portugal and elsewhere so as to foster international collaboration that will contribute to new, multidisciplinary and comparative approaches to the Middle Ages.

We are a body of 150 researchers, divided into two research groups working in close collaboration, but each specializing in a particular area of dedicated research:

### Images, Texts and Representations

The scientific topics addressed by this RG are subdivided into four research areas: "Images and Texts: Meanings and Uses", "Texts in Context", "Sociocultural Representations and Constructions" and 'Knowledge and Science'. This RG is particularly committed to the study of the medieval production of artistic and literary products with a special focus on illumination of manuscripts, the period's cultural heritage, the phenomena of circulation of people, works, forms and ideas, the authors and the patrons of medieval works and the processes of creation of knowledge, from the Middle Ages, up to present day historiography and reflections of it.

### Territories and Powers: a «Glocal» Perspective

The RG applies the motto 'Think global, act local' as a main guideline for the research work to be developed. To reflect on the global-local relationship, when considering power and its territoriality, raises the issue of scale, an essential analytical tool for the social and human sciences. It is this key concept that interweaves the several research fields which function as blocks in a cohesive edifice. They are: "Mapping the Political and Ideological Structures of the Kingdom", "Landscapes for Exercising Power Strategies: Large Cities and Small Towns"; "Medieval Rural Communities and Landscapes" and "Circulation of Elites, Models and Processes"

## WHAT WE DO

The Institute's activities are concentrated in three areas: Research, Tuition and Dissemination.

The research we develop is carried out within the framework of Thematic Networks, Projects sponsored by the Portuguese FCT and other collaborative contracts with private and public institutions.

We also devote considerable attention to the construction and publicizing of specialized bibliographies, thematic databases and other research tools for medieval scholars.

A considerable range of annual meetings at different levels (seminars, lectures, conferences and workshops) complements our research producing critical work and promoting debate and scholarly investigation in fields deemed of strategic importance.

The Institute is happy to host applications from Portuguese and foreign candidates seeking FCT Investigator posts, PhD and Post doctoral grants from the Portuguese Government, and offers every support and integration to researchers so appointed.

We also pay particular attention to the articulation between research and teaching. The IEM provides training in methodologies and specific skills fundamental to those engaged in Medieval Studies as well as courses in both undergraduate and graduate level programmes. We also offer at least two non-formal courses per year and are preparing a thematic Summer School in Medieval Studies.

An updated and modern website, a peer-reviewed bi-annual e-journal listed in SciELO Portugal, Latindex, Dialnet, DOAJ e Revues.org, and two editorial lines, as well as the promotion of open content in the web, are further ways in which we disseminate our research results.