

EUROPE IN 1215: Three Approaches via Law, the Laity, and Literature, Fall 2011
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UNIT I: MAGNA CARTA and Governance

II (1)--Expectations of Law and Government: Cooperation and Tensions –“prince et pays”

Common Reading:

Patricia Terry, ed., tr., Reynard the Fox
Beryl Smalley, “Capetian France,” in Wallace-Hadrill, ed., France: Government and Society (1957)
JC Holt, Magna Carta (1992), 1-122

Optional background reading: WL Warren, Governance of Norman and Angevin England (1987), 65-169. Elizabeth Hallam, and Judith Everard, Capetian France (2001)

Reports:

--E. Kantorowicz, “Kingship Under the Impact of Scientific Jurisprudence”
--Raoul Van Caenegem, The Birth of Common Law on the unique nature of Common Law;
--W.L. Warren on Henry II and common law, using his biography of Henry

--{RWK} Geoffrey of Monmouth, History of the Kings of Britain—view of law and Kingship under Plantagenets
--{RWK} Chanson de geste: French views on law and kingship }

II (2) The Great Charter—Law, Sovereignty and Control

Common Reading:

J.C. Holt, Magna Carta, 123-405
Essays by Given-Wilson and Payling in Jones, ed, Short History of Parliament, i.e. pp 16-29 and 75-86.
RW Kaeuper, “Questioning Constitutionalism,” (typescript of conference paper

from UR conference on constitutionalism, 2009).

Reports:

[The general reading will prove sufficient!]

Topics for Seminar Meetings:

Introductory Meeting: Broad Setting for 1215 Events

UNIT II: FOURTH LATERAN COUNCIL and Church Reform

I (1)--Gregorian Reform and Lay Piety: Clerical Ordo, Papal Leadership, Lay Expectations

Common Reading:

HEJ Cowdrey, Pope Gregory VII (1998), 683-97.

John Benton, ed, Self and Society [autobiography of Guibert of Nogent] book I

MD Chenu, Nature, Man and Society in the 12th Century, 202-239,

Andre Vauchez, Laity in the Middle Ages (1993) 1-72, 85-127.

Optional, additional reading:

I.S. Robinson, Papal Reform...11thC (2004), Introduction and texts of papal biographies.

Reports:

--Reform and Law: John Gilchrist, Collection in 74 Titles

--H. Berman, Papal Revolution on "papal revolution" and Western Legal tradition

-- Possible link with heresy: R. Moore, The Origins of European Dissent

plus R.W. Southern, Western Society and the Church, 300-358 and

Vauchez, 231-271 }[Or Moore's article on Origins of heresy] [OR

Malcolm Lambert book]

I (2) The Lateran Council: Elaborating a Lay Theology as a Second Phase of Reform

Common Reading:

Norman Tanner, "Pastoral Care: the fourth Lateran Council of 1215" in C.R.

Evans, ed, A History of Pastoral Care (2000), 112-125.

David Crouch, "Troubled Deathbeds," Albion 24 (2002)

Article on Innocent III in Dictionary of the Middle Ages, vol 6 (SC Ferruolo)
Sarah Hamilton, The Practice of Penance (2001), 1-25, 173-210.
Andrea Hopkins, The Sinful Knights, pp 32-70.
Mary Mansfield, The Humiliation of Sinners (1995), 1-91, 288-98.
Alexander Murray, "Confession as an Historical Source" and "Confession Before
1215"

Optional additional reading: Raymond Foreville, Latran I, II, III et Latran IV
(1965), pp 227-320. Essays in Pratiques de confession (Paris, 1983)

Reports:

- Aristocratic response in France: John Baldwin on change in
romance: "From the Ordeal to Confession," in Biller and Minnis,
Handling Sin.
- John Baldwin, Masters, Princes and Merchants, part I,
- John Baldwin, ibid, part III
- John Baldwin, ibid, parts IV, V

UNIT III: VULGATE CYCLE OF ARTHURIAN ROMANCE

III (1)-The Romance Tradition as the Historian's Evidence

[In Unit III there will be ONE set of common readings and reports, with the conversation beginning on the first day of this section and continuing on the second in the week following.]

Common Reading:

- Derek Pearsall, Arthurian Romance: A Short Introduction (2003) 1-59
Chapters by Barber, Kennedy and Trachsler in Dover, ed. Companion to
Lancelot-Grail Cycle (2003)
- R.W. Kaeuper, "The Societal Role of Chivalry in Romance," Cambridge
Companion to Medieval Romance, ed. Roberta Krueger (2000) 97-114.
- Norris Lacy, gen. ed., Lancelot-Grail (5 vols., 1993-96); 'swim' in a volume or
two; read at least II, pp 1-61, IV, pp 72-74

Reports: [see below: III (2)]

III (2)- Vulgate Cycle Themes: Chivalry, Love, Piety, in Tension

Common Reading: [See above: III (1)]

Reports:

--Balain and Galahad: two figures for knighthood?

--Lancelot, Guenevere, Arthur, (and God)

--Why the Quest of the Holy Grail?

[NB: these are topics rather than set sources. I will consult with those reporting]

MEETINGS AFTER UNIT III: Individual meetings on research, possible group progress reports, and two final seminars devoted to your presentation of research questions and findings. These seminar meetings to report research findings fall on 1 and 8 December.