



Recycling Heresies: Inherited Taxonomies in the Religious Confrontation of the Late Middle Ages

International Workshop
6–7 November 2025

Centre for Medieval Studies
Prague, Czech Republic

Thursday, 6 November

9.30 – 10.00 **Introduction**

Pavĺína CERMANOVÁ – Pavel SOUKUP: *Taxonomies of Heresy in Late Medieval Religious Confrontation: Questions and Perspectives*

10.00 – 12.00 **Session 1**

Chaired by Pavĺína Cermanov

Marcel BUBERT: *Devilish Transformations. On the Adaptation of Heresy Concepts in Medieval Conspiracy Discourse*

David ZBRAL: *“Nothing new under the sun”? Tracking change in the use of derogatory connotations in anti-heretical hate propaganda, 1000–1150*

Davide POLITI: *Narrating Deviance: The Shifting Portrayals of Jews, Heretics, Necromancers, and Witches in Thirteenth-Century Exemplary Literature*

Lunch break

13.30 – 15.30 **Session 2**

Chaired by Reima Vlimki

Marina BENEDETTI: *Waldenses. Names and behaviour from the origins to the Reformation*

Delfi NIETO-ISABEL: *What’s in a Name? Disentangling “the burned beguins” and their ‘heretical’ identity*

Paweł KRAS: *Heresy in the eyes of the beholder. Dominican inquisitor John of Schwenkenfeld confronting the Hooded Nuns of Świdnica*

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 **Public lecture**

John ARNOLD: *Heresiography as Pastoral Care and Reform: Benoit d’Alignan’s Tractatus fidei and its long afterlife*

Friday, 7 November

9.30 – 11.00 **Session 3**

Chaired by Paweł Kras

Georg MODESTIN: *Recycling heresies? Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet, historiographer of the Waldensians (1688)*

Michael VAN DUSSEN: *Historical Heretics in Wycliffite Preaching Aids*

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Pavel SOUKUP: *Sectarian Genealogies in John Aquensis's Locustarius (1524)*

Pavĺina CERMANOVI: *The "Sadducees": History of a polemical label in Bohemia around 1500*

Lunch break

14.30-16.00 **Session 4**

Chaired by Georg Modestin

Adam POZNAŃSKI: *A Fifteenth-Century Warning Against the Waldensians: An Anonymous Treatise from the Görlitz Manuscript Mil. II 52*

Reima VÄLIMÄKI: *Valdenses, Pauperes de Lugduno, Kundenlauten – changing labels of German Waldensians ca. 1380–1425*

16.00 – 16.30 **Final discussion**

Venue:

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