

# Global History Seminar Series 2015

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## Global Approaches to the Middle Ages

with Carol Symes (Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois), James Barrett (Reader in Medieval Archaeology, Cambridge), and Elizabeth Lambourn (Reader in South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies, De Montfort). Chris Wickham (Chichele Professor of Medieval History, Oxford), will chair the panel and Nicholas Vincent (Professor of Medieval History, UEA), will reply.

**Thursday, February 26, 2015**

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

This interdisciplinary panel discussion marks the appearance of the new journal *The Medieval Globe*.

The concept of 'the medieval' has long been essential to global imperial ventures, nationalist ideologies, and the discourse of modernity. Yet the projects enabled by this powerful construct have essentially hindered investigation of the world's interconnected territories during a millennium of movement and exchange. The mission of TMG is to reclaim this 'middle age' and to place it at the center of global studies. TMG accordingly provides an interdisciplinary forum for scholars of all world areas by focusing on convergence, movement, and interdependence. It advances a new theory and praxis of medieval studies by bringing into view phenomena that have been rendered practically or conceptually invisible by anachronistic boundaries, categories, and expectations: polities, networks, affinity groups, artistic influences, identities, bodies of knowledge, faiths, and forms of association. TMG also broadens discussion of the ways that medieval processes inform the global present and shape visions of the future.

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