

# SCALES OF KNOWLEDGE: FROM COSMOS TO BOOK

## AUTUMN SCHOOL IN MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES AND CULTURE 2021

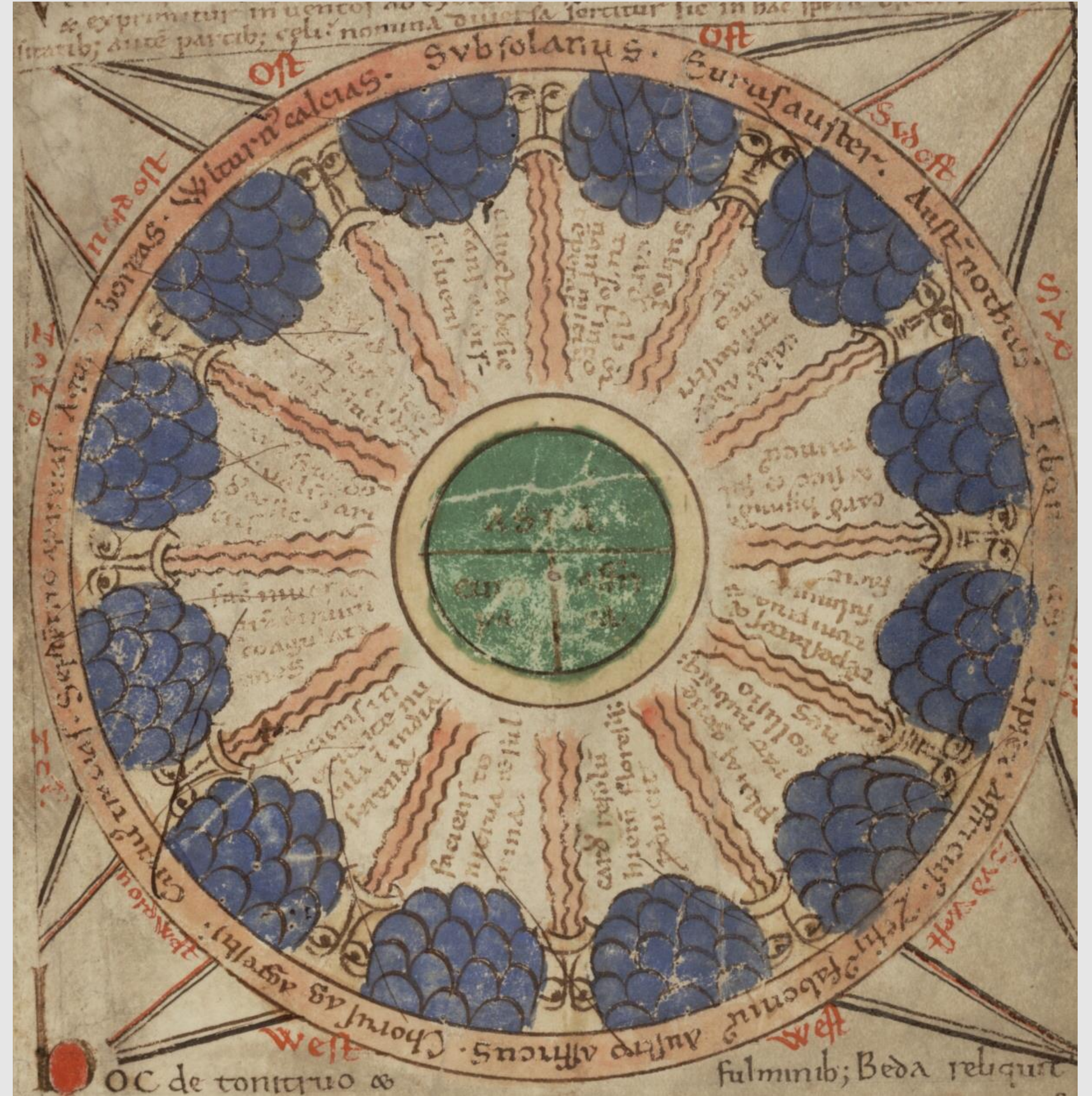
### GHENT AND FORDHAM, 18 – 22 OCTOBER 2021

The move in Medieval Studies away from nationalising and Eurocentric paradigms toward the 'Global Middle Ages' raises pressing and fascinating intellectual questions about scales of knowledge. How do we negotiate these scales as we move between the micro and the macro? What spatial and temporal scales do we use to study the period defined for 'Europe' as 'The Middle Ages'? These same questions of scale were also challenging a millennium ago, especially in the years around 1100, in the wake of the 1<sup>st</sup> Crusade, which transformed Latin Europe's relationship with the Afro-Eurasian space.

Taking the 12th-century *Liber Floridus*, a manuscript created at a specific time and place, as its touchstone, this Autumn School will address the challenge of scales of knowledge in times of rapid geopolitical change. The *Liber Floridus* is an intensely richly illustrated encyclopedia, produced by Lambert, a canon in the Flemish city of St Omer, working in the early decades of the twelfth century.

This Autumn School is organized for PhD- and MA-students in Medieval Studies. It will be organized in a blended way, allowing distance participation for both tutors and students, via Fordham or Ghent, and for the whole programme to move online if necessary.

The time schedule is given in CET (Brussels). Morning sessions will be live and pre-recorded; afternoon sessions will be live and streamed, allowing interaction between tutors and students at Fordham, Ghent and at home.



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- Application deadline 20 September 2021
- Ghent registration fee of EUR 100 (EUR 50 for online attendance), with limited bursaries available for fees, accommodation and travel to Ghent
- Venue: Ghent University Library, Rozier 9, 9000 GHENT, BELGIUM and Center for Medieval Studies, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458

Check our website for full programme & folder: <https://www.ugent.be/pirenne/en>

# HENRI PIRENNE INSTITUTE FOR MEDIEVAL STUDIES (GHENT) with CENTER FOR MEDIEVAL STUDIES (FORDHAM), CENTRE FOR MEDIEVAL LITERATURE (ODENSE AND YORK) and CENTRE FOR MEDIEVAL STUDIES (YORK)

## PROGRAMME

### Monday 18 October 2021

**Theme 1: The Liber Floridus:  
historical context, material aspects  
and issues of scale**

Introduction by Elizabeth Tyler  
(York) and Wim Verbaal (Ghent)  
followed by hands-on sessions with  
the original Liber Floridus and  
other manuscripts

### Tuesday 19 October 2021

**Morning**

Hands-on session with the original  
Liber Floridus and other  
manuscripts

**Afternoon**

**Theme 2: Encountering cultures**  
Lectures by Osman Latiff (Royal  
Holloway, London) and Nicholas  
Morton (Nottingham)  
Discussion

Conference dinner

### Wednesday 20 October 2021

**Encountering cultures**

**Morning**

Lecture by Julian Yolles (Odense)  
followed by hands-on session

**Theme 3: Cosmology and  
cosmogrophy**

**Afternoon**

Lectures by Divna Manolova (York)  
and Elina Gertsman (Case Western  
Reserve)  
Discussion

### Thursday 21 October 2021

**Cosmology and cosmography**

Lecture by Barbara Obrist (Paris)  
followed by hands-on session  
Afternoon

**Theme 4: The book as space**

Lecture by Javier de Barco del  
Barco (Madrid)  
Discussion

Evening event with keynote by  
Hanna Vorholt (York)

### Friday 22 October 2021

**Morning**

**The book as space**

Lecture by Klazina Staat (Ghent)  
followed by hands-on session  
Afternoon

**The book as space**

Lecture by Jeroen Deploige (Ghent)  
and Wim Verbaal (Ghent)  
Discussion

Conclusions by Rosa Maria  
Rodríguez Porto (Santiago de  
Compostela)

### Saturday 23 October 2021

Optional excursion to Leuven with  
visit to the exhibition *Imagining the  
Universe* (with the Liber Floridus on  
display)

## Practical Information

- Applications to attend in Ghent should be sent to [Martine.DeReu@UGent.be](mailto:Martine.DeReu@UGent.be) and applications to attend at Fordham to [medievales@fordham.edu](mailto:medievales@fordham.edu) (with [Martine.DeReu@UGent.be](mailto:Martine.DeReu@UGent.be) in cc:) and must contain the following information:
  - ✓ Given name and surname
  - ✓ Your university
  - ✓ Research topic of your MA or PhD thesis
  - ✓ Preferred mode of attendance: on campus attendance in Ghent, hybrid attendance at Fordham, exclusively online attendance. Please note that some modes of attendance might become unavailable depending on changes in local conditions.
- At Ghent, accepted participants need to provide for their own accommodation and transport. Limited bursaries are available. Please contact the Autumn School coordinator for any further information.
- At Ghent, lunches and coffee breaks are provided by the organizers. Dinners are not included.
- There is a registration fee of EUR 100 (EUR 50 for online attendance). After confirmation, the candidate will receive all necessary information for payment. Payment of the fee is considered as confirmation of registration.
- This Autumn School is organized and co-funded by the Henri Pirenne Institute for Medieval Studies and the Doctoral School for Arts, Humanities and Law at Ghent University, the Center for Medieval Studies (Fordham), Centre for Medieval Literature (Odense and York) and Centre for Medieval Studies (York).
- For information about practicalities and timetable at Fordham please contact [medievales@fordham.edu](mailto:medievales@fordham.edu) and [todonnell12@fordham.edu](mailto:todonnell12@fordham.edu)