



**21st Biennial Conference of the
International Society for the Study of Early Medieval England**

“Environments”

28-30 June, 2023 (University of Manchester)



“Environments” will be the theme of the 21st biennial conference of the International Society for the Study of Early Medieval England, planned for 28-30 June, 2023. Under this broad rubric, we invite papers from all disciplines that study aspects of early medieval England. Possible topics include:

- material and physical environments (e.g., landscapes, seascapes, architecture, travel)
- ecologies and cosmologies (e.g., conceptions of Nature, the Universe, astrology)
- spiritual environments (e.g., Heaven and Hell, the Church and the church)
- cultural and intellectual environments (e.g., scholarly networks, libraries, networks of cultural exchange, source study)
- linguistic environments (e.g., multilingualism, grammatical and phonological contexts)
- environments of reception (e.g., classrooms, museum spaces and heritage sites, popular culture, history of the profession)

Papers on open topics and project reports are also welcome.

Papers should be no more than 20 minutes in length, and will be grouped into 3-paper sessions of one hour and 30 minutes in length so as to leave time for questions and discussion. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length (including bibliography).

Proposals are also welcome for project reports, which should be no more than 10 minutes in length and will be grouped into 5-report sessions of one hour so as to leave a short time for factual questions. Abstracts for project reports should be no more than 250 words in length (including bibliography).

All abstracts will be subject to blind peer review. You do not need to be a member to submit an abstract, but all conference presenters and attendees will be expected to be members of ISSEME. Exceptions may be granted to local student attendees.

We anticipate that the conference will take place in a fully hybrid fashion (online and in-situ). This means that it will always be possible for you to attend and/or deliver your paper online.

The deadline for the call for papers is **20 October, 2022**. Decisions regarding which proposals are accepted will be announced by December 2022.

Please submit your abstract by sending it to eleni.ponirakis3@nottingham.ac.uk and m.h.porck@hum.leidenuniv.nl

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