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Conflict and the Law in Medieval Europe July 18-29, 2005 Budapest, Hungary

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Course Objectives

The course seeks to introduce a group of advanced students to several innovative directions of inquiry into conflict and the law in medieval societies. Conflict is understood as a range of interpersonal tension and related behavior encompassing disputing, threats, uses of force and eruptions of violence, negotiation, peacemaking, and the associated range of emotions, above all fear and anger. Law is understood as an (at least largely) autonomous system of norms, rules, or expectations, that works as one factor in conflict thus defined.

The course will address a wide range of issues currently important in the study of medieval conflict and the law. It will be based on readings, a very moderate lecture component, and, above all, discussion. Each of the six instructors will run a short sequence of classroom sessions. A session will begin with a relatively short background lecture, and then turn into a discussion of two kinds of pre-circulated documents: one or more primary sources of short or moderate length, either translated into English or in the original Latin; and a secondary text, also of moderate length, such as a substantial article or a book chapter. The primary and the secondary materials used for each session will be selected so as to allow the students insight into the sources, methods, and substantive issues that are relevant to its topic, interesting to its instructor, and currently important in the field.

Apart from the sessions run by the six instructors, the course will introduce an overall framework in two ways: by means of the first, introductory session, which will be given jointly by all six instructors; and by means of three roundtable discussions, to be moderated by one or more instructors. The roundtables will identify crucial issues common to our subject that emerge during different phases of the course. The students will be evaluated on the basis of their attendance and discussion participation.



The Summer University was established in 1996 and is aiming to involve a high-level international faculty (including CEU faculty), and excellent advanced doctoral students, junior or post-doctoral researchers, teachers and professionals as participants. While application from all over the world is encouraged, continued priority is given to applicants from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and countries experiencing emerging democracies worldwide. Applicants from these countries, when admitted on merit, will be eligible for scholarship, while those from developed countries will usually be expected to pay fees.

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Further information on the course (detailed course description, faculty CVs, etc.), on eligibility criteria and funding options available at http://www.ceu.hu/sun

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