

The 4th International Medieval Sermon Studies Society (Post)doctoral Online Forum



The International Medieval Sermon Studies Society (IMSSS) promotes and fosters the study of medieval sermons and preaching in Latin and vernacular languages within their social, literary, religious, intellectual, theological, catechetical, political, and historical contexts.

Continuing with our initiative established in 2023, the IMSSS seeks to provide an online forum for postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students in the final stages of their project to receive input on their projects from peers and senior scholars in a virtual format. To this end, we are inviting them to submit proposals for the fourth IMSSS Virtual Research Workshop.

The purpose of the Workshop is two-fold:

To assist (post)doctoral researchers in developing and improving their research projects;
To assist early career scholars in building an international network of professional colleagues and renowned faculty.

Early career scholars will have the opportunity to present their current research projects – or any aspects of those projects related to preaching – for discussion by their colleagues and senior faculty. A designated respondent, chosen for their topical expertise, will

provide initial feedback and questions for further consideration. Open discussion will follow.

We invite proposals for **Research Papers** from **early career scholars** with projects at any stage toward completion, from initial conception to completed studies.

Presenters from last year may submit a proposal, but priority will be given to first-time applicants.

Those interested in attending and presenting their research should submit a brief statement of interest **by September 15, 2026 to both** of the following Council Members of the Society:

Dr. Linda G. Jones (linda.jones@upf.edu) and

Dr. Jussi Hanska (jussi.hanska@tuni.fi)

This statement should contain:

Name

Affiliation

Project title

Brief project description (300 words)

After receiving the proposals, we plan to organize the virtual meeting in late November or early December, 2026. Those chosen to participate will be asked to send a more substantial project description to the designated responder at least one month prior to the event.

If you would like more information about the Society, its journal *Medieval Sermon Studies*, and membership please visit our website: <https://imsss.net/>