

# Mysticism and Devotion Between the Cell and the World

## Carthusians and Jesuits in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Period

Thursday 8 June 2023 – Saturday 10 June 2023

Prentenkabinet, Hof van Liere, Prinsstraat 13, Antwerp



Conference website & Registration:

<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/research-groups/ruusbroec-institute/info/activities/symposia/carthusians-jesuits/>

Keynote Speakers:

Amy Hollywood  
Robert Maryks  
Gemma Simmonds  
Evelyne Verheggen

## Thursday 8 June 2023

9.30 – 10.30 Registration  
10.30 – 11.00 Welcome Session

### 11.00 – 12.30 **Session 1**

Acting, Contemplating, and Contemplative Action in Twentieth-Century Mystical Theory  
*Louise Nelstrop*

Spiritual Reproduction and Gendered Speech in Michel de Certeau and Late Medieval Mysticism  
*Lydia Shahan*

Jesuit Spiritual-Educational Practices and Modern Self-Consciousness  
*Lina Vidauskytė*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

### 14.00 – 15.30 **Session 2**

Gerardus Eligii, Carthusian in Brabant with Jesuit Roots  
*Jan Sanders*

'Haec mater mihi dixit': The Carthusian Gerard Kalckbrenner, Mediator and Fervent Advocate of Maria van Oisterwijk's Mystical Texts  
*Lieve Uyttenhove*

'Aen die liefhebbers Christi': An Unknown Tract by Jan Pelgrim Pullen  
*Mark Verweij*

15.30 – 16.00 Break

16.00 – 18.00 **Keynote session 1:** Professor Robert Maryks & Doctor Evelyne Verheggen

## Friday 9 June 2023

### 9.00 – 10.30 **Session 3**

Mysticism and Contemplation in the Commentary on the Song of Songs of the Carthusian Andreas Pannonius  
*Csilla Bíró*

Bridal Polemic: Madame Guyon and Dom Innocent Le Masson on the Song of Songs  
*Lieven De Maeyer*

Innocent Le Masson and the Jesuits: Doctrinal and Political Aspects of the Biography of Jean d'Arenthon d'Alex  
*Norihito Morimoto*

- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30 **Session 4**
- Julian's Theology in the Anchorhold  
*Bradford Manderfield*
- Contemplation in Translation: Richard Methley's Caligo Ignorancie and the Problem of 'Hybrid'  
Spiritual Pedagogy  
*Rebecca Field*
- Removing the Mystic, Retaining the Revelations: Carthusian Edits to the Visions of Agnes Blannbekin  
*Amanda Langley*
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 15.30 **Session 5**
- Maximilian Sandaeus and Angela of Foligno: The Naming of the 'Magistra Theologorum'  
*Michael Hahn*
- How the Vita of St. Bruno Written by Francois du Puy Got into Acta Sanctorum  
*Wiktor Dziemski*
- A Jesuit's Welcome and Unwelcome Support for the Legend of the Doctor of Paris  
*Peter Thissen*
- 15.30 – 16.30 Visit to the Ruusbroec Institute Library
- 16.30 – 18.00 **Session 6**
- Modern Art, the Mystical and Silence, in Contemporary Science  
*Jim Malone*
- Art, Spirituality, and Mysticism: Reflections of the Role of Christian Mysticism in the Current Artistic Scene  
*Sander Vloebergs*
- From the Virtual Cell to the Composition of Place: The Conception of Space in Carthusian and Jesuit  
Spiritual Exercises  
*Thor-Oona Pignarre-Altermatt*
- 18.00 – 19.00 Break
- 19.00 – 22.30 **Conference Dinner**  
University Club, Prinsstraat 13b, Antwerp

## Saturday 10 June 2023

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 7**

The Remarkable Encounter of Middle Dutch Mysticism, Carthusians and the Society of Jesus  
*Rob Faesen*

Mysticism in the Context of Commentaries on Benedict's Rule  
*Meta Niederkorn*

'If anyone were to ask such free souls[...], they would answer No': Mysticism as Negative Work in  
Marguerite Porete's Mirror of Simple Souls  
*Edda Wolff*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 **Keynote Session 2:** Professors Gemma Simmonds and Amy Hollywood

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

### **Excursion**

14.00 – 15.30 Visit to the Church of Saint Charles Borromeo and the Hendrik Conscience Heritage Library  
(formerly the Jesuit Sodality)

15.30 – 16.30 Visit to the Rubens Exhibition at the Snijders & Rockoxhuis

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The conference will be held in the context of the city festival and exhibition 'Baroque Influencers', an initiative of the Jesuit Heritage Foundation, the University Centre Saint Ignatius Antwerp (UCSIA), and the University of Antwerp.

All conference sessions will take place in the *Prentenkabinet*, Hof van Liere, Prinsstraat 13, Antwerp