Interdisciplinary, cross-fertilisation, thinking outside the box. Hidden behind these buzzwords are a myriad of new and exciting ways in which scholars are rethinking the discourse of the Middle Ages. For example, work within the fields of empirical science and the inroads made by the social sciences have allowed for the development of unique and innovative ways to contextualize and interpret the Medieval world.

In this conference, we are interested in hearing from scholars applying methods and approaches normally reserved for other fields or time periods to any study of the Medieval era. Anyone using innovative and interesting approaches to researching this period, from using DNA evidence to analyse plague victims to applying modern critical theories to ancient texts, is most welcome. We invite papers or posters discussing your approaches and techniques that are at the edges of—or transcend—traditional methods.

Postgraduates from all disciplines are highly encouraged to participate.

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Collaboration with the empirical sciences such as medicine, biology, and neuroscience
- Cross- or interdisciplinary approaches
- Using theoretical approaches from the social sciences
- Experimental archaeology
- The effect of modern networks on medieval research
- Network Theory

Abstracts of around 200 words (not exceeding 250) should be sent to IMRPostgradConference@gmail.com no later than 18 May 2012. Papers should be 20 minutes in length and posters should fit onto an A1 sheet.