



Department of History of Art

MA in Stained Glass Conservation and Heritage Management

Autumn Master-Class Lecture (SG12)

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## Theophilus presbyter and the first medieval textbook on artistic techniques

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The twelfth-century treatise known as 'Concerning the Various Arts' (*Schedula diversarum artium*) is essential reading for all students of the arts and material culture of the Middle Ages. The manuscript preserved in the Herzog August Library of Wolfenbuettel (Ms Cod. Guelf. 69 Gud. lat.) is considered to be the oldest of five manuscripts of the Theophilus text and was the first to have been published. The authorship, date and purpose of this enigmatic work remains a topic of intense interest and our speaker, one of its custodians, will discuss the manuscript, the text and its author in the light of recent scholarship.

**Time and Venue: 5.15pm, King's Manor K/133**

**The Speaker:** Dr Monika Mueller studied Art History, Latin and Italian philology and palaeography at the Universities of Tuebingen and Urbino (Italy). In her dissertation finished in 2005 she dealt with the Romanesque mural paintings and stuccos of the Benedictine church of San Pietro al Monte di Civate (Lombardy). Since 2008 she has been Scientific Assistant at the Library of Duke August in Wolfenbuettel and responsible for a research project dealing with the Psalter of Bishop Bernward (ca. 960–1022) and the library of St. Michael of Hildesheim, one of the most important Benedictine abbeys of Northern Germany in the Middle Ages. In addition, she teaches Art History at the Universities of Goettingen and Braunschweig. Her research fields are Medieval art and book culture, in particular book illumination (Marginal images, Apocalypse cycles), the history of science and the depiction of emotions.

More information concerning Dr Mueller's research projects can be found at:

<http://www.hab.de/forschung/projekte/bernwardpsalter-e.htm>