

International Workshop

*MINUSCULE TEXTS AND CULTURES OF HEALING  
IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES*



12–13 May 2025

venue: Professorboligen, University of Oslo  
([Karl Johans gate 47, Oslo](#))

PROGRAM

12 MAY

9.00–9.10: Welcome (Ildar Garipzanov)

9.10–12.00: **Session 1. COLLECTING MEDICAL RECIPES IN MARGINAL SPACES**  
(Presider: Ildar Garipzanov)

Claire Burridge (University of Oslo), *Collecting Recipes in the Margins: The Accumulation of Medical Recipes in Non-Medical Manuscripts*

10.00–10.15: COFFEE BREAK

Jeffrey Doolittle (Fordham University), *The Medical Appendix: Ad Hoc Recipe Collections in Early Medieval Manuscripts*

Silvia Maria Marchiori (University of Cambridge), *Lurking Behind the Poems: Urine, Rotting Teeth, and Fish Sauce in a Carolingian Anthology (MS St Gall 899)*

12.00–13.30: LUNCH BREAK

13.30–15.15: **Session 2. HEALING FROM THE MARGINS ACROSS  
THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD**  
(Presider: Carine van Rhijn)

Roxanne Bélanger Sarrazin (University of Regensburg), *Healing from the Margins: Coptic Pharmacological Prescriptions and Oracular Questions in Early Medieval Egypt*

Ildar Garipzanov (University of Oslo), *Latin Fever Incantations and Charms in the Margins of Early Medieval Manuscripts: Origins and Sources of Inspiration*

15.15–15.30: COFFEE BREAK

**15.30–17.15: Session 3. PROGNOSTIC MINITEXTS AND CULTURES OF HEALING**  
(Presider: Tim Hertogh)

**Carine van Rhijn** (University of Utrecht), *Knowledge on the Move: On the Relation Between Medical Prognostic Texts and Minitexts*

**Philipp Nothaft** (University of Oslo), *Health-Related Prognostics among Early Medieval Minuscule Texts*

**13 MAY**

**9.10–12.00: Session 4. DIETETIC MINITEXTS AND CULTURES OF HEALING**  
(Presider: Jeffrey Doolittle)

**Jan van Doren** (Radboud University), *“Too much old wine harms the nerves” – Dietetic Knowledge, Food, and Health in Early Medieval Marginalia and Minitexts*

**10.00–10.15: COFFEE BREAK**

**Meg Leja** (Binghamton University), *Dietary Margins: Thinking about Food, Time, and Structure through Minuscule Texts*

**James Palmer** (University of St Andrews), *Pseudo-Hippocrates’ Letter to Antiochus: The Uses of a Textual Curiosity*

**12.00–13.30: LUNCH BREAK**

**13.30–16.20: Session 5. MINITEXTS AND THE TRANSMISSION OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE INSULAR WORLD**  
(Presider: Claire Burridge)

**Debby Banham** (University of Cambridge), *The Making of a Medical Compendium: Additions and Previous Additions to Bald’s Leechbook and Leechbook III*

**Sarah Gilbert** (University of Cambridge), *The Transmission of Medical Knowledge in Early Medieval England: A Survey of the Surviving Sources*

**15.15–15.30: COFFEE BREAK**

**Deborah Hayden** (National University of Ireland, Maynooth), *Marginal Healing Texts and the Historiography of Medicine in the Medieval Gaelic World*

**16.20–17.20: FINAL DISCUSSION**



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