

Guest lecture

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Firmiter credimus: The Changing Dynamics of Lay Belief

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Free entry, all are welcome!

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The Fourth Lateran Council (1215) begins with a statement of faith, 'We firmly believe...' (*Firmiter credimus*). But what did it mean to ask the laity to believe *firmly*? This talk addresses not only *what* medieval people were asked to believe but *how* they were 'to believe'. It will be argued that the spectre of lay doubt troubled authorities as much as the more famous threat of heresy.