



CALL FOR PAPERS

A QUESTION OF LIFE AND DEATH

LIVING AND DYING

IN MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY

XXIII annual Colloquium of the SIEPM

University of Leuven

10-12 October 2018

Living and dying are essential concepts in Aristotelian natural philosophy and psychology. It is then no surprise that, when the *libri naturales* were translated into Latin from the twelfth century onwards, this gave birth to an extensive interpretative tradition in the Latin West, in which life and death as conceived by Aristotle were theorized and reflected upon, for example in the numerous commentaries on the *De anima* but also on the *Parva Naturalia*. Yet, medieval inquiry into living and dying is not limited to natural philosophy nor to the Aristotelian tradition, but can also be found in ethics, metaphysics, theology, and medicine, and in other domains.

The primary purpose of this conference is then to study the way in which medieval Latin authors interpreted, elaborated, and questioned the Aristotelian theories of living and dying in the realm of natural philosophy. At the same time, it intends to put this Latin interpretative tradition in a broader context. Thus, we invite scholars to study the reception of the Aristotelian views in other linguistic traditions (Byzantine, Arabic, Hebrew, vernacular). Likewise, we welcome proposals that study medieval theories on living and dying outside the Aristotelian framework, both in natural philosophy and other domains. This also includes proposals that intend to compare Aristotelian and non-Aristotelian concepts of living and dying, or that study the way in which natural philosophical views on life and death are related to or used in other (e.g. metaphysical, ethical, theological, or medical) theories.

The conference will be hosted by the *De Wulf-Mansion Centre for Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy* of the University of Leuven (Belgium). We invite submissions for paper proposals, which should contain a (provisional) title, an abstract of 300-400 words, and information concerning your name, current position, academic affiliation, and contact details. The organizers expect to select between 15 and 20 proposals; in making a selection, attention will be paid not only to the quality of the proposal but also to the coherence of the program and to the ratio between both senior and junior scholars. Successful applicants will be offered

accommodation (2 nights) and a conference dinner. A selection of the papers will be published in the peer-reviewed series *Rencontres de Philosophie Médiévale* (Brepols Publishers).

Please submit your proposal via email (pieter.deleemans@kuleuven.be) by **February, 28, 2018**. Applicants will be notified by email within four weeks from this date.

KU LEUVEN



Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale