Despite their peripheral location, Christendom’s frontier kingdoms and outer-regions were arguably far from peripheral in importance. These peripheral kingdoms acted as a counter-balance to those powers located at the core of Christendom and they were fundamental to the papacy’s conception of Europe and its hierarchy. By considering the periphery we can appreciate ‘reform’ in a more nuanced manner, comprehending the papacy’s approach in different geographical locations. It is the intention of this conference to bring together PhDs, ECRs, and academics working on the papacy and the periphery across Europe from the eleventh to the thirteenth century, to increase dialogue and exchange, in order to help better understand the centrality of the periphery for the papacy.

We invite papers on all topics relating to the papacy and the periphery, with particular regions of interest being: England, Scotland, Ireland, Scandinavia, eastern Europe, the Levant, and Iberia. Consideration of one or comparison between different regions are equally valid approaches.

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