

Premodern Beliefs and their Reception

2025 Seminar Series

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Love and the medieval body corporate

This paper shows how late medieval beliefs about love helped produce the idea of corporate bodies as the manifestation of group interests. In F. W. Maitland's words, the 'fictionality' of corporate personhood was 'a dogma that work[ed] like leaven in the transformation of medieval society.' Building on scholarship on the history of emotions, bodies and embodiment, and historical jurisprudence, I show how beliefs about the binding and creative power of love structured legal relationships to conceptually inform the development of various forms of corporate personhood.

Date: Monday 17 February 2025

Time: 1pm (AEDT)

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