The Friars and their Influence in Medieval Spain

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The coming of the friars in the early thirteenth century had a great impact on Church and society in the Spanish kingdoms. In particular, the Dominicans, whose founder was an Augustinian canon of Osma (Castile) and the Franciscans, were to have an enormous impact, pervading almost every aspect of the society of Late Medieval Spain. In a revolutionary break with the Church’s past these religious were heavily involved in the world in preaching the message of the Gospel to the laity; while in education, they produced many of the greatest scholars of the age. Likewise, they transformed urban life, becoming an essential part of the fabric of the late medieval city. Equally, the friars transformed the hierarchy of the Church, often taking up major positions in the episcopate. The friars were to the fore in the establishment of the Inquisition in the Crown of Aragon and, for very similar reasons, played the major part in attempting to teach the Gospel message to the Muslims as the Christian kingdoms expanded to the south. Just as was the case with Saint Louis in France, so in Spain they greatly influence the policies of many monarchs. Their missions in the towns and their educational role, as well as their strong associations with the papacy and the crown, often lead them into conflict with other religious and with secular society. They also suffered internal tensions and major splits. They were to be both widely admired and the subject of biting literary satire. The story of Medieval Spanish history cannot possibly told without them.
Friday April 12th 2013

10:30 — Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:45-12:45 — Session 1

Adeline Rucquoi
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“Dominicus Hispanus”

Damian J. Smith
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“Ramon de Penyafort and his Influence”

Robin Vose
Saint Thomas University, Canada
“Dominican Inquisitors in the Fourteenth Century Crown of Aragon”

12:45-14:45 — Lunch
14:45-16:45 — Session II

**María del Mar Graña Cid**
Univerridad Pontificia de Comillas, Madrid
“Frailes y reyes. Las políticas fundacionales de la monarquía castellana en el siglo XIII”

**Taryn E. L. Chubb**
East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma
“Valencian Dominicans beyond the Convent of Santo Domingo”

**Francisco García-Serrano**
Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus
“Friars and Nuns: Dominican Economy and Identity in Medieval Castile”

16:45-17:00 — Coffee
17:00-19:00 — Session III

Thomas Burman
University of Tennessee at Knoxville
“Ramón Martí and his Arab Books”

Linda Jones
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
“Narrative Assaults: Dis-identification and Resistance in Christian Mendicant and Muslim Preaching (11th to 14th Centuries)”

19:30-21:00 — Break

21:00 — Dinner
Saturday April 13th 2013

10:15-10:45 — Coffee
10:45-12:45 — Session IV

Emily Graham
University of Central Florida
“Dissent and Franciscan identity in the Crown of Aragon, 1300-1350”

Pablo Martín Prieto
Universidad Complutense, Madrid
“El monasterio de Santa Clara de Alcocer y la monarquía castellana (siglos XIII-XV)”

Víctor Farías Zurita
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
“Desordenada coobedjança per haver leg delit.
Francesc Eiximenis y la enseñanza de la moralidad sexual cristiana”

12:45-14:45 — Lunch
14:45-16:45 — Session V

**Francisco de Paula Cañas Gálvez**
Universidad Complutense, Madrid

"Del convento a la Corte. Teresa de Ayala y María de Castilla: dos monjas dominicas en el entorno de la realeza bajomedieval hispana (ca. 1390-1424)"

**Michael Vargas**
State University of New York at New Paltz

"Durable and Obdurate: On the Social Meaning of the Dominican Order’s Corporate Survival"

**José María Miura Andrades**
Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla

"Frailes, crisis y reformas: las reformas ejemplarizantes gestadas en Andalucía (ss. XIV y XV)"

17:00 — Closing Remarks