





Study Tour May 2016

The Spirituality of Medieval Women Mystics

Prof. Susan Roll - Saint Paul University - THO 2160 – Spring Semester 2016

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Proposed itinerary and prices as of March 2015. Changes in program and cost are possible.

	<p>Thursday May 12 Fly OTTAWA to BRUSSELS</p>
	<p>Friday May 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival at Brussels Airport; train to BRUGES• Walking tour of Bruges and dinner• Overnight in Bruges youth hostel (3 nights)
	<p>Saturday May 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to the Beguinage in Bruges• I. Seminar: <i>“Who were the Beguines?”</i> (Prof. Roll)• Afternoon trip to the beach at Oostende (optional)• Second night in Bruges
	<p>Sunday May 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Eucharist (optional)• II. Seminar: <i>Imagery and Poetry of the Beguines</i> (Prof. Roll)• Train from Bruges to LEUVEN• Overnight in Leuven hostel or guesthouse



Monday May 16

- Visit to the Great Beguinage in Leuven
- Visit to the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at the K.U. Leuven
- Train from Leuven to **COLOGNE**
- **II. Seminar:** *Introduction to the Scivias Pilgrimage* (Dr. Esser)
- Overnight in Cologne Youth Hostel (3 nights)



Tuesday May 17

- Walking Tour of Cologne: St. Ursula Church (Romanesque) and Cathedral (Gothic)
- Midday Prayer in Cologne Cathedral (optional)
- Lunch at Museum Ludwig
- Visit to the Wallraff-Richartz Museum (Medieval Department)
- **III. Seminar:** *"The legend of Saint Ursula and Hildegard's songs to her"* (Dr Esser)
- Visit to Groß. St. Martin (Romanesque)
- Night in Cologne



Wednesday May 18

- Guided tour to Synagogue, Medieval Mikwe, and ELDE Museum (Dr. Ursula Reuter)
- Visit to the new Cologne Mosque
- **IV. Seminar:** *"History and Herstory of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the 11th and 12th century"* (Dr. Esser)
- **II. Meditation:** *Hildegard's Visions of Synagoga and Ecclesia* (Scivias 1.6; II.3,4,5)
- Night in Cologne



Thursday May 19

- Train to **ANDERNACH** and bus to **MARIA LAACH**
- Visit to the 12th century Benedictine Monastery
- **V. Seminar:** *Benedictine monks and nuns* (Dr. Esser)
- **III. Meditation:** *The correspondence of between Hildegard of Bingen and Tengsrich of Andernach*
- Drive to the medieval castle "Burg Stahleck" on the Rhine in **BACHARACH**
- Night in Youth Hostel Burg Stahleck (2 nights)



Friday, May 20

- Walking tour of the medieval town of Bacharach
- **IV. Meditation:** *"The seeress"* (Scivias, Foreword)
- **VI. Seminar:** *Hildegard's political standing* (Dr. Esser)
- **Film:** „*Vision – the Life of Hildegard of Bingen*” by Margarethe von Trotta
- Night in Burg Stahleck



Saturday May 21

- Boat-trip on the Rhine from Bacharach to **BINGEN**
- Visit to the Rupertsberg Vault (remains of Hildegard's original convent)
- **IV. Meditation:** *"The vision of the Cosmos Man"* (De Operatione Dei)
- **VI. Seminar:** *Hildegard's Visionary Theology* (Dr. Esser)
- Saturday evening Eucharist (optional)
- Train to **DISIBODENBERG** (Station "Staudernheim")
- Overnight at Guesthouse "Bannmühle" (3 nights)



Sunday May 22

- **VIII. Seminar:** *Seven Stations of Hildegard's Life* (Dr. Esser and Prof. Roll)
- Disibodenberg Pilgrimage and walk on the "Hildegard-Path" (optional)
- **VI. Meditation:** *Hildegard's vision of the "Choirs of the Angels"*
- Participants learn to prepare organic "Hildegard food"
- Night at Disibodenberg



Monday May 23

- **VII. Meditation:** *"Viriditas - Green Power of Life"*
- Driving to **BAD SOBERNHEIM**
- Walk on the Barefoot Path along and through the river Nahe (optional, 2km)
- **VII. Seminar:** *Hildegard's ecological and wholistic worldview ("Physica" and "Causae et Curae")* (Dr. Esser)
- Night at Disibodenberg



Tuesday May 24

- Visit to the Open Air Museum (Freilichtmuseum)
- Train from **STAUDERNHEIM** to **TRIER** (via Saarbrücken)
- **VII. Seminar** *The deep roots of history* (Dr. Roll)
- Overnight in Youth Hostel or guest house in Trier (2 nights)



Wednesday May 25

- Walking tour of the major Roman ruins, the Basilica of the Emperor Constantine and the 12th century Cathedral
- Visit to the Landesmuseum
- Night in Trier



Thursday May 26

- Feast of Corpus Christi: 9 am Eucharist in Trier Cathedral (optional) followed by participation in the Corpus Christi Procession
- Train from Trier to **BINGEN** (via Koblenz)
- Opening of the **International Hildegard Conference on “Viriditas – Grünkraft – Green Power of Life”** at Rupertsberg
- Overnight at the Bingen hostel or Kreuzschwestern guesthouse (5 nights)



Friday May 27

- Visit to the Museum am Strom
- Ferry across the Rhine to **RÜDESHEIM**
- Walk to the “Wallfahrtskirche” (with shrine of St. Hildegard) and up the hill (walking optional) to St. Hildegard’s Abbey in **EIBINGEN**
- Premiere of “*Sister Elisabeth and Her Garden of Faith*” (Author: Dr. Karen Stock, Winnipeg – Theatre Group: Bettina Gies, Wiesbaden)
- Night in Bingen



Saturday May 28

- Lectures & Workshops in theology, literature, art, music, art of healing, politics at the International Conference (Dr. Annette Esser; Dr. Karen Stock; Prof. Ulrike Wiethaus, Dr. Dana Fabini; Dr. Armin Thommes, Dr. Ptok et al.)
- Lecture & Dinner evening at the Rochusberg
- Third night in Bingen



Sunday May 29

- Hildegard conference concludes with a ritual at the Ruin site of the Disibodenberg
- Dinner & Wine at the Disibodenberg
- Evaluation of the Study Tour
- Fourth night in Bingen



Monday May 30

- Free time in **BINGEN**
- Optional daytrip to **MAINZ** or to **BAD KREUZNACH**
- Farewell dinner (sponsored by the Centre WCT at Saint Paul)
- Last night in Bingen



Tuesday May 31

- Fly from **FRANKFURT** to **OTTAWA**



Dr. Annette Esser, M.A. (Münster University, Germany 1987), S.T.M. (Union Theological Seminary, New York 1995); Doctor of Theology (Radboud University Nijmegen, 2007) is a native German scholar from Cologne. Having studied theology, art, geography and psychology in Germany, USA and the Netherlands, she has founded the Scivias Institute for Art & Spirituality (*Scivias-Institut für Kunst und Spiritualität e.V.*) in 2009. In the same year, she delivered the “Glasmacher lecture” on “*Women without Borders: Feminist Spiritualities in Context*” at Saint Paul University Ottawa. She is now working as a theologian and an art therapist at the Disibodenberg, where Hildegard of Bingen lived for almost 40 years of her life. Annette Esser is author of *Re-Visioning Our Sources: Women’s Spirituality in European Perspectives* (KOK Pharos, Leuven 1997); *Interkontexte feministischer Spiritualität* (=Doctoral Dissertation, LIT-Verlag, Münster 2007) and *Die neue Kirchenlehrerin Hildegard von Bingen* (Aschermittwoch-Verlag Bingen 2015) et al. She lives with her son Jacob in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.



Prof. Susan K. Roll has taught courses in Liturgy and Sacraments in the Faculty of Theology of Saint Paul University since 2003. Born in Clarence Center, New York, she holds degrees in Classical Languages and in Pastoral Studies, and a Ph.D. *summa cum laude with the congratulations of the Board of Examiners* from the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Leuven (Louvain), Belgium. Her books include *Toward the Origins of Christmas* (Peeters, 1995), and two books co-edited with Dr. Esser, *Re-Visioning Our Sources. Women’s Spirituality in European Perspectives* (1997) and *Women, Liturgy and Ritual* (2001.) Prof. Roll has published some 38 academic research articles, 30 book chapters, presented 53 academic papers and done over 90 book reviews. She holds active membership in the North American Academy of Liturgy, Catholic Academy of Liturgy, Societas Liturgica, the Catholic Theological Society of America, European Society for Women in Theological Research, and the Society for Oriental Liturgy. She serves on the editorial board of *Questions liturgiques / Studies in Liturgy*. At Saint Paul University she serves on the board of the Summer Institute in Pastoral Liturgy, the Indigenous Pastoral Training Program, the Senate of the University of Ottawa, and the SPU Professors’ Association where she served as President and as Chief Negotiator. She directs the Centre for Women and Christian Traditions. She lives in Ottawa -Vanier.

Information for prospective participants

Budget: As of March 2016 the estimated cost of participation for each student is \$4500, which includes airfare Ottawa-Brussels and Frankfurt-Ottawa, overnight accommodations with breakfast, long-distance travel, admissions, registration for the 2nd International Hildegard Conference, and the services of lecturers and tour guides. An additional \$700 should be set aside for *per diem* expenses such as local travel, light meals and personal spending money. The organizers will make efforts to raise donor funds to help defray the total expense of the study tour for all participants but cannot promise results. The Centre for Women and Christian Traditions will sponsor at least one dinner.

Passport and Visa: all participants must be in possession of a passport valid at least until October 2016. While Canadian and U.S. citizens do not need to secure a tourist visa for Germany in advance, citizens of other countries might. Obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the student.

All students will need a membership in the Youth Hostel Association. This can be obtained in Ottawa at the hostel on Nicholas Street before departure, or at the Bruges hostel when we arrive.

Orientation sessions prior to departure: a session with a representative of the University of Ottawa student travel service will be scheduled, and attendance is mandatory for all participating students. At least one introductory class session will be organized at Saint Paul prior to departure. The course textbook should be read prior to arrival in Europe. The additional readings on Blackboard can be read in tandem with the study tour.

Health insurance: supplemental health insurance will be arranged through the U. of O. travel office.

Next of kin: the U of O. travel office will also maintain records of contact persons for all participants, and register their names with the Canadian Embassies in Belgium and Germany.

The number of student participants is limited to 12.

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