



The Department of Medieval Studies of Central European University cordially invites you to the public lecture of the Faculty Research Seminar



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Cracowers, that is, Poulaines: The Multiple Languages and Dialects of Things

17:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2013
CEU–Faculty Tower #409
Budapest, V. Nádor u. 9.

Research into medieval material culture offers much more than just information about things. Material objects are always connected to humans and follow a variety of respective contextualizations. They are part of multiple aspects of geographical, cultural, social, gendered, religious, legal, economic, 'national', environmental, 'public and private' space, and so on. To show the variety and multiplicity of languages through which things communicated with humans and vice versa. The lecture will concentrate on one type of object that played a particular, very important and often contrasting, role in the discourses on material objects of many different members of late medieval society: the pointed shoe.



Pointed shoe from an excavation in Kempten (Germany)

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Numerous publications, mainly on daily life and material culture of the late Middle Ages, recently editor of *Ritual, Images, and Daily Life: The Medieval Perspective* (Vienna, 2012).