



---

<sup>b</sup>  
**UNIVERSITÄT  
BERN**

Philosophisch-historische Fakultät  
Institut für Englische Sprachen  
und Literaturen  
Prof. Dr. Annette Kern-Stähler  
Chair of Medieval English Studies

27 July 2012

**Studientag zum Englischen Mittelalter XV, 7-9 March 2013  
(conference warming: evening of 7 March, conference: 8-9 March)**

Dear all,

for the first time since its inception in 1999, the SEM will be held in Switzerland. We warmly invite you to attend the 15th *Studientag zum Englischen Mittelalter* at the University of Bern. The city of Bern presents a beautiful setting for our discussions and it will be our pleasure to show you some of its medieval treasures.

**Call for Papers**

As in previous years, the SEM offers PhD and advanced MA students the opportunity to present their research to their peers and to a group of scholars working in the field of medieval English studies. We invite papers of c. 5000-8000 words on any topic related to the English Middle Ages. All papers will be forwarded to all participants to be read before the conference and will be presented individually by senior scholars who will briefly summarise them and prepare critical questions and feedback for the plenary discussion. This procedure has proven very fruitful in previous years and has significantly contributed to the general discussions of the papers as well as to the friendly atmosphere, in which emerging scholars can test the waters of academia and establish networks with other medievalists.

Abstracts should be sent to [kathrin.reist@ens.unibe.ch](mailto:kathrin.reist@ens.unibe.ch) by 7 December 2012, and the final papers by 8 February 2013. We would be grateful if a number of senior scholars were to volunteer to introduce, and comment on, a student paper. Scholars who would like to volunteer are kindly asked to contact [annette.kern-staehler@ens.unibe.ch](mailto:annette.kern-staehler@ens.unibe.ch).

Please forward this call for papers to any PhD candidates or MA students who might be interested in taking part.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you in Bern in 2013.

With best wishes,

Annette Kern-Stähler  
Nicole Nyffenegger  
Kathrin Reist  
Eva Grädel

Further information: [www.sem2013.ens.unibe.ch](http://www.sem2013.ens.unibe.ch)

Prof. Dr. Annette Kern-Stähler  
Chair of Medieval English Studies  
Department of English  
Länggass-Strasse 49  
CH-3000 Bern 9

Email: [kern-staehler@ens.unibe.ch](mailto:kern-staehler@ens.unibe.ch)  
Tel.: ++41 (0)31 631 82 47  
Fax: ++41 (0)31 631 36 36  
<http://www.ens.unibe.ch>