What was scholasticism? For all that scholars have sought to rescue it from the perspective of its early modern detractors, for whom it was an outmoded and moribund relic of a corrupt and barbarous past, scholasticism continues to occupy an uneasy place in intellectual history. Complex, challenging, and even forbidding, scholastic texts take careful reading. The importance of doing so is not just in what it reveals about medieval intellectual history but also about the early modern period, since recent scholarship has demonstrated the continuing influence of scholastic authors and arguments upon early modern thinkers.

This conference will bring together scholars working on scholasticism, from its origins in the medieval university through to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, in order to explore the richness of medieval intellectual life as well as its survivals across the Renaissance and Reformation divides. In so doing, it aims to bridge the gap between scholars of medieval and early modern intellectual history.

We welcome submissions concerning the following and other topics:

- Teaching, schools and schoolmen in the medieval and early modern university
- Legal and theological scholasticism and their wider political significance
- Philosophy
- Medicine
- Music in the university
- The dissemination and printing of scholastic texts
- Contemporary descriptions of scholasticism

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