

EUROPAEUM Medieval-Modern Forum: Flourishing Then and Now 24-27 June 2024 | University of Helsinki



Flourishing is a fundamental goal of human existence. Yet it has never been simple. We can isolate components that contribute to it: happiness, virtue, community, meaning, purpose, etc. But where do their boundaries lie and what balance should we seek to strike between them? Does each individual have to revisit the formula for flourishing and find a version of it that works for them or would they do better to draw on the wisdom of ages? Flourishing, however important, can also seem harder than ever today in an age of war, climate emergency and other global challenges.

This forum aims to understand (1) how medieval sources theorised flourishing, and how their theorisations related to those of other traditions in the Middle Ages and in Antiquity; (2) how theories of flourishing were translated across different domains such as literature, art, culture, ideas, social practices, institutions, or environments; and (3) how medieval ideas about fostering well-being of persons, communities, or nature relate to, and can inform, contemporary debate.

The EUROPAEUM would like to invite applications from Master's and doctoral students at Europaeum member universities. Successful candidates will be provided with accommodation free of charge and will be reimbursed reasonable travel expenses within Europe.

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Deadline: 25 March

All submissions should be sent to: applications@europaeum.org

