

PROGRAMME UNQUENDOR SEMINAR UTRECHT, 17-18 APRIL

Keynote speaker: Claudio Testi, Italy

Friday 17 April, Utrecht University building, Drift 21

10:30 Arrival, coffee

11:00 Welcome by Frank Brandsma, University of Utrecht

11:05 Renée Vink 1 – Tolkien's Devils and the Biblical Satan: Destruction and Dominance

11:35 David Llewellyn Dodds - "Lowly they bow'd adoring": The Curious Inevidence of Faithful Cultus in Middle-earth and Narnia

12:20 Lunch break

13:30 Thijs Porck - Whales, Oliphaunts and Spiders: Tolkien's Evil Animals and the Medieval Bestiary Tradition

14:15 Cindy van Nierop - The Excavated Tolkien: Archaeology in Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*.

14:45 Tea/coffee break

15:00 Paul Corfield Godfrey – In Slothful Gardens?

16:00 Jan van Breda – The Curse of Morgoth: Bad Luck or Evil Force?

From 17:00 drinks, restaurant visit, location TBA

Friday moderator: TBA

Saturday 18 April, Cultural Podium De Kargadoor, Oudegracht 36

From 10:15 Arrival, coffee, brief welcome

10:45 Will Sherwood - 'In Faëry Lands Forlorn, the Perilous Sea's Foam is Silver Music': Keatsian Echoes in *The Book of Lost Tales* and *The Lord of the Rings*'

11:30 Berber Bossenbroek – The Good, the Bad and the Mythologically Correct

12:00 Lunch break

13:15 Stas Vugts - My Own, My Precious, My choice? To what extent was the choice of the 5 hobbit ring-bearers to pick up the one ring an autonomous choice?

13:45 Keynote paper: Claudio Testi – Powers, Evil and the Machine

14:30 Tea/Coffee break

14:45 Renée Vink 2 – Creating a Free Agent: Wagner and Tolkien revisited

15:30 Forum on ‘Moral standards and values in Middle-earth’, with Claudio Testi, Liuwe Westra & Jonne Steen Redeker, moderator and possible 4th participant TBA

16:30 Closing words by Jan van Breda

From 17:00: drinks & restaurant visit, location TBA

Saturday moderator TBA