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## ARGUING — AND NOT ARGUING — ABOUT THE TRINITY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE: JUDAISM, ISLAM, AND SCHOLASTIC THOUGHT

A range of Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin sources from Northern Italy, Southern France, and Spain indicate that Christians engaged in Trinitarian arguments with Jews and Muslims in the thirteenth century. Focusing especially on a particularly lavish example of this engagement, Ramon Martí's *Pugio fidei* (*Dagger of Faith*), Dr. Burman will suggest both that a particular kind of scholastic model of Trinitarian argument was being deployed in many areas, but also that, at the same time, real doubts about the efficacy of such evangelism were widespread in the same circles as well. This paradoxical arguing and not arguing has much to teach us about how Christian scholasticism interacted with the two other Mediterranean monotheisms.

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