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Dr. Stephen Knight

University of Wales, Cardiff,

Robin Hood the International Outlaw

Monday, February 6, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

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Presented by the Medieval Studies Program

Everybody has heard of Robin Hood, and headline-writers use his name to signify any kind of innovative financial redistribution. This is not only an Anglophone phenomenon: the English outlaw myth has travelled very far from Sherwood Forest, to become the international archetype of resistance to oppressive authority, the emblem of 'natural law'. Professor Knight will discuss ways in which the myth of Robin Hood has developed and spread internationally, and how constantly changing social concerns about authority are revealed in the manifold variations over time of the stories about Robin, his always 'merry'

men, and the multiform figure of Marian.

Dr. Stephen Knight is distinguished Research Professor in the Department of English, University of Wales. He has written extensively about Medieval literature, particularly Robin Hood and Arthurian legend, and has also published studies of crime fiction. His many books include, *Arthurian Literature and Society* (1983), *Robin Hood: A complete study of the English Outlaw* (1994), *Robin Hood: A mythic Biography* (2003), and *Merlin: Knowledge and Power through the Ages* (2009).

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