

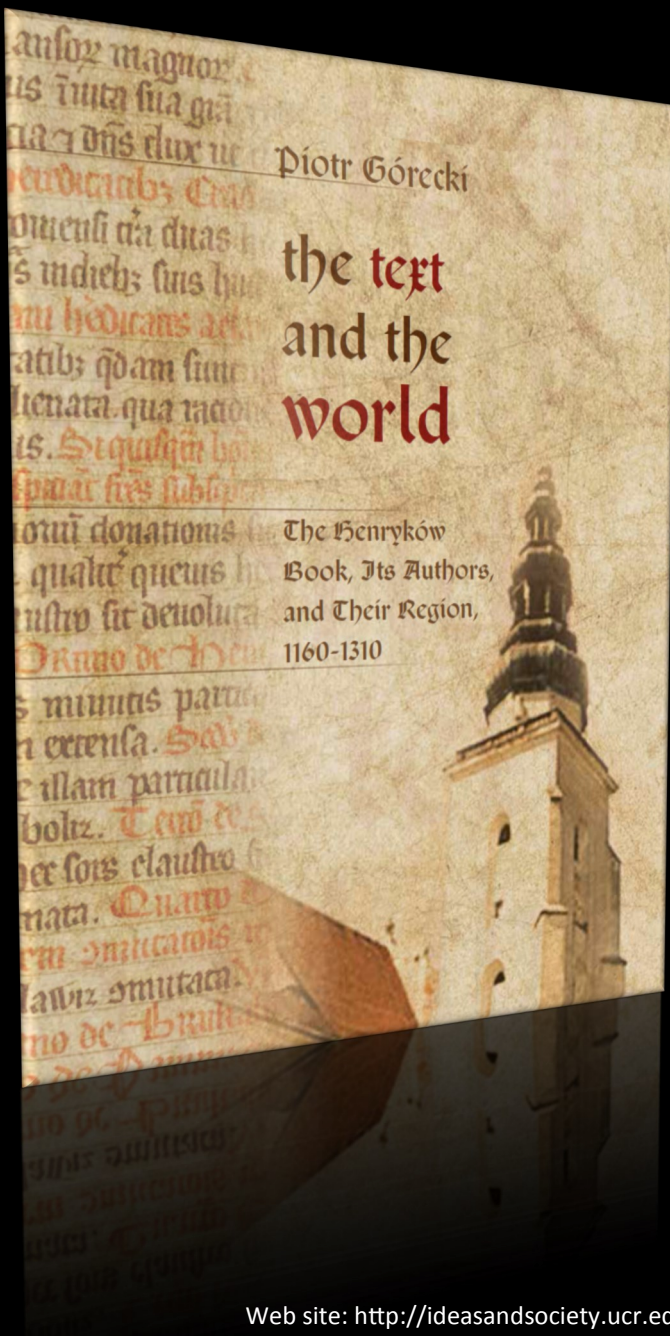
The Center for Ideas and Society presents a book talk with:

Piotr S Górecki

Professor of History

The Text and the World

Professor Górecki's new book, *The Text and the World* (Oxford U.P., 2015), is a study of an exceptionally interesting primary source—the history of the Cistercian monastery at Henryków in Silesia, produced in 1268 and 1310, and known as the Henryków Book—and of the local and regional world which that source reflected and helped shape. The Book offers an exceptionally rich introduction to a number of subjects currently of major interest to medievalists, regardless of their geographical specialization. It is interesting as a literary work, an instance of forensic rhetoric, a type of legal argument, and an example of medieval biography and (implicit) autobiography. It draws on and is an example of the relationships between memory and writing. It records, and engages with, lordship, economy, the law, social groups, communities, and institutions, in the local and regional world of the time. Professor Górecki has devoted much of his scholarly output throughout his career to this source, and to its connections with these broader, major issues. The talk will briefly situate *The Text and the World* in that earlier work, describe the new contribution of this book itself, and relate it to Professor Górecki's ongoing and future projects.



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Date: Thursday, February 25th

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Place: CBS 114 (College Building South)

Books will be available to purchase at the event, courtesy of Barnes & Noble at UCR.