

Program for the 7th Workshop of the Graduate Exchange

in Late Antique, Byzantine and
Medieval History

May 19 - May 21 2017, Mainz



Friday, **May 19th** (JGU Mainz, Infobox)

13.30-14.00: Introduction and Welcome

14.00-16.00: Session I: The Presentation of the Past

Salvatore Liccardo (Vienna): Imposing Order on Chaos: Ethnonyms and the Late Antique Cataloguing Tradition

James Wakeley (Oxford): The Futūḥ al-Sham of al-Azdī al-Basrī: A Syrian Narrative History

Matthew Kinloch (Oxford): Approaching George Akropolites' *Chronike Syngraphe*: Postmodern Epistemology and Intertextual Evidence

16:00-16.30: Coffee Break

16.30-18.00: Session II: Cult and Mission

Katharina Reihl (Mainz): Testimonies of Thecla's Cult in the Eastern and Western Roman Empire

David Barritt (Oxford): The Impact of the Conversion of Central Europe on the Papacy

Saturday, **May 20th** (RGZM)

9.00-11.00: Session III: Bishops and Clergy

Aikaterine Koroli (Vienna): Taxation and the Clergy in Late Antique Egypt: The Insight Offered by the Re-edition of the SPP III Papyrus and Parchment Texts

Till Stüber (Berlin): Incriminating Bishops in Post-Roman Gaul. A Look at the Evidence

Anna Kládova (Mainz): The Development of the Interpretation of Canon Law on Bishop Elections in Middle Byzantium (9th-12th c.)

11:00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-13.00: Session IV: Cities and Urbanism

Mateusz Fafinski (Berlin): Looking for a City. A Reassessment of the Search for Early Medieval Urbanism in Britain

David Gyllenhaal (Princeton): Πόλις ή Μελιτηνή μεγάλη και πολυάνθρωπος: Byzantine Melitene and the Social Milieu of the "Syriac Renaissance"

13.00-14.00: Lunch Break

14.00-16.00: Session V: Identities

Patrick Marschner (Vienna): Moses in Hispania? The Battle of Covadonga and Biblical Typology in the Foundation Myth of the Asturian Kingdom

Theofili Kampianaki (Oxford): "To Teach or to Remind Readers Who the Romans Are": The Presentation of the Roman Past in John Zonaras's Chronicle

Skyler Anderson (Princeton): The Limits of Judeo-Christian knowledge in the Islamic Tradition

16.00-16.30: Coffee Break

16.30-18.00: Session VI: Royalty and Aristocracy

Alexandra Hilgner (Mainz): Warlords and Virgin Queens: The "Garnet-Phenomenon" in Anglo-Saxon England

Miriam Salzmänn (Mainz): The Development of the Cypriot Aristocracy from the End of the 12th to the 15th Century – A Comparative Analysis

18.00: Barbecue Dinner in the RGZM Courtyard

Sunday, **May 21st** (JGU Mainz, Infobox)

9.00-11.00: Session VII: Literature

Mirela Ivanova (Oxford): Thinking about Writing in Early Medieval Bulgaria

Jasmin Damerius (Berlin): Carolingian Controversy on Images: Walahfrid Strabo and his Critical Poetry

Maria Goiana (Vienna): A Study on Theodore the Stoudite's Hymnography - Introductory Remarks

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-13.00: Session VIII: Monasteries and Monasticism

Stephanos Chasapoglou (Vienna): Patterns of Trade and Communication in the 11th Century: The Ships of the Monasteries of the Nea Moni of Chios and Saint John the Theologian of Patmos

Joe Glynias (Princeton): Mount Sinai and Syriac Melkite Monasticism in the 13th and 14th centuries

13.00-13.30: Concluding Remarks