International Conference

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Contexts and Episcopal Strategies between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages in the West

Online, 24-26 June 2021
The late antique and the early medieval periods witnessed the flourishing and consolidation of episcopal powers in the West. The episcopate thus became an actual factual power, alongside the secular aristocracy and the rulers. This influential position exposed them to various threats, both political and religious. Our main goal in this conference are to present a typology of the different threats bishops confronted in the exercise of their episcopal ministry, to address the influence of a given political, social or religious context and, finally, to analyse the different strategies they developed to confront this situation of adversity and which allow us to understand to some extent the shaping or reinforcing of ecclesiastical hierarchies in a more effective manner.

The proposed study framework covers the late antique and the early medieval periods in the West, offering different thematic and regional case studies from Italy, Gaul, Spain and Germany, among others, with the aim of obtaining as global a view as possible. These spaces experienced the same processes of the disintegration of imperial structures, the making of new political realities and the rise of the ecclesiastical structures as vital articulators of social life. However, such phenomena occurred at different rates and according to the particularities of each territory on different scales, from regional to local, which allows a comparative exercise in which similarities and differences will be presented in a balanced way.

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The conference is organized in two days, each day with a series of presentations and discussions. The sessions are divided into thematic blocks, with each block focusing on a specific aspect of episcopal strategies and contexts.

Thursday, 24.06.2021
- 17.00 h Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram
  Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
  Welcome and Introduction

- 17.15 h Dr. habil. Robert Wisniewski
  Ancient History / Universität Warszawa
  Suffering Bishop and the Prudery of Satan: Clerical Violence and its Image in Late Antiqua Literature

- 17.45 h Coffee break

Regional Perspectives
- 18.00 h Prof. Dr. Margarita Vallejo Girvés
  Ancient History / Universitat de Alacant
  The Only Peninsular Voices of Byzantine

- 18.30 h Prof. Dr. Julio Escalona
  Medieval History / Instituto de Historia
  The Tenth-Century Castilian Church:

- 19.00 h Dr. Katharina Winkler
  Medieval History / Institut für Mittelalterforschung
  Austrianische Akademie der Wissenschaften
  Suspicions Minds: “Court Bishops” and Bishops without Seat in Agilolfingian Bavaria

Friday, 25.06.2021
- 10.00 h Prof. Dr. Amalia Guidi
  Medieval History / Università degli Studi di Salerno
  Threatened Bishops in Southern Italy between the Eight and Eleventh Centuries

- 10.30 h Prof. Dr. Katy Gault
  Medieval History / University of East Anglia
  Episcopal Authority and Deaconess Structure in England c. 650-1066

- 11.00 h Coffee Break

Local and Individual Perspectives
- 11.30 h Dr. David Natkiel
  Ancient History / University of London
  The Tenth-Century Castilian Church:

- 12.00 h Prof. Dr. Pablo C. Díaz
  Ancient History / Universität de Salamanca
  Diedis-Braga: A Functional Duality, a Legal Anomaly

- 12.30 h Prof. Dr. Thomas Deswarte
  Medieval History / Universität of Angers
  The Bishop and the King in the Villa Sainte-Wilfride:

- 13.00 h Lunch time

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Bishops and Politics
- 16.00 h Prof. Dr. Bruno Dumitri
  Medieval History / Università degli Studi di Salerno
  The World of Yesterday, Space and Politics in the Life of Germanus of Ausone

- 16.30 h Dr. Marco Cristini
  Classics / Scuola Normale di Pisa
  Sailing to Byzantium: Sixth Century Popes under Threat in Constantinople

- 17.00 h Coffee break

Individualising Threats and Strategies
- 17.30 h Prof. Dr. Philippe Deprez
  Medieval History / Universität Hamburg
  Episcopal Responses to War and Warfare in Late Antiquity

- 18.00 h Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram
  Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
  Metropolitan Bishops under Threat in Fifth Century Gaul

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