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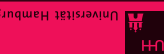
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The late antique and the early medieval periods witnessed the flourishing and consolidation of episcopal powers in the West. The episcopate thus become an actual factual power, alongside the secular aristocracy and the rulers. This influential position exposed them to various threats, both political and religious. Our main goals 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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Thursday, 24.06.2021

- 17.00 h **Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
Dr. Pablo Poveda Arias
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
Welcome and Introduction
- 17.15 h **Dr. hab. Robert Wiśniewski**
Ancient History / Uniwersytet Warszawski
Suffering Bishop and the Priests of Satan. Clerical Violence and Its Image in Late Antique Literature
- 17.45 h *Coffee break*

Regional Perspectives

- Moderation **Prof. Dr. Francesca Tinti**
Medieval History / Universidad del País Vasco
Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea – Ikerbasque
- 18.00 h **Prof. Dr. Margarita Vallejo Gírvés**
Ancient History / Universidad de Alcalá
The Only Peninsular Voices of Byzantine *Spania*
- 18.30 h **Prof. Dr. Julio Escalona**
Medieval History / Instituto de Historia
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
The Tenth-Century Castilian Church: The Large Gap between Ideal and Reality
- 19.00 h **Dr. Katharina Winckler**
Medieval History / Institut für Mittelalterforschung
Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften
Suspicious Minds: "Court Bishops" and Bishops without Seat in Agilolfingian Bavaria

Friday, 25.06.2021

- 10.00 h **Prof. Dr. Amalia Galdi**
Medieval History / Università degli Studi di Salerno
Threatened Bishops in Southern Italy between the Eight and Eleventh Centuries
- 10.30 h **Prof. Dr. Katy Cubitt**
Medieval History / University of East Anglia
Episcopal Authority and Diocesan Structure in England c. 650-1066
- 11.00 h *Coffee Break*

Local and Individual Perspectives

- Moderation **Dr. Pablo Poveda Arias**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
- 11.30 h **Dr. David Natal**
Ancient History / University of London
The World of Yesterday. Space and Politics in the Life of Germanus of Auxerre
- 12.00 h **Prof. Dr. Pablo C. Díaz**
Ancient History / Universidad de Salamanca
Dumio-Braga. A Funcional Duality, a Legal Anomaly
- 12.30 h **Prof. Dr. Thomas Deswarte**
Medieval History / Université d'Angers
The Bishop and the King in the *Vita Sancti Ildefonsi*
- 13.00 h *Lunch time*

Bishops and Politics

- Moderation **Prof. Dr. Hans-Werner Goetz**
Medieval History / Universität Hamburg
- 16.00 h **Prof. Dr. Bruno Dumézil**
Medieval History / Lettres Sorbonne Université
Victims, Actors or Spectators? The Bishops of the Merovingian Kingdom during the Civil War of 575-613
- 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*
- 17.30 h **Prof. Dr. Philippe Depreux**
Medieval History / Universität Hamburg
Deposition as Weapon against Bishops in the Carolingian Empire

Individualising Threats and Strategies

- Moderation **Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
- 18.00 h **Prof. Dr. Kristina Sessa**
Ancient and Medieval History / The Ohio State University
Episcopal Responses to War and Warfare in Late Antiquity
- 18.30 h **Dr. Pablo Poveda Arias**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
Metropolitan Bishops under Threat in Fifth Century Gaul

Saturday, 26.06.2021

- 9.30 h **Dr. Isabelle Mossong**
Ancient History / Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts
Italy's Late Antique Bishops in Exile: The Epigraphic Point of View
- 10.00 h **Prof. Dr. Charles Mériaux**
Medieval History / Université de Lille
Bishops under Pressure: Priests and Episcopal Authority in Carolingian Francia
- 10.30 h **Dr. Francesco Veronese**
Medieval History / Università degli Studi di Padova
The Role of Relics in Contexts of Episcopal Adversity in Carolingian Italy (8th-9th Centuries)
- 11.00 h *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 h **Prof. Dr. Javier Arce**
Ancient History / Université de Lille
The Ordinary Life of the Bishop in Visigothic Spain. Concluding Remarks



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Inscriptions

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