

International Conference

BISHOPS UNDER THREAT

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



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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 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 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.





Thursday, **25.06.2020**

Warburg-Haus

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 Wisniewski**
Ancient History / Uniwersytet Warszawski
 Suffering Bishop and the Priests of Satan. Clerical
 Violence and Its Image in Late Antique Literature

18.00 h *Coffee break*

Bishops in the Italic Framework

Moderation **Dr. Isabelle Mossong**
*Ancient History / Kommission für Alte Geschichte und
 Epigraphik des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts*

18.30 h **Dr. David Natal**
Ancient History / University of London
 Building the Late Antique North Italian Church.
 A Network Analysis and New Institutional
 Approach

19.15 h **Dr. Giulia Marconi**
Ancient History / Università degli Studi di Perugia
 The Consequences of War: *Indigentia clericorum*
 and Episcopal Response in Ostrogothic Milan

20.00 h *Reception*

Friday, **26.06.2020**

Gästehaus der Universität Hamburg

- 9.30 h **Prof. Dr. Kristina Sessa**
Ancient and Medieval History / The Ohio State University
Episcopal Responses to War and Warfare
in Late Antiquity
- 10.15 h **Dr. Francesco Veronese**
Medieval History / Università degli Studi di Padova
The Role of Relics in Contexts of Episcopal
Adversity in the Early Medieval Italy
(8th-10th Centuries)
- 11.00 h *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 h **Prof. Dr. Amalia Galdi**
Medieval History / Università degli Studi di Salerno
Threatened Bishops in Southern Italy between the
Eighth and Eleventh Centuries

Episcopal Power in the Iberian Context

- Moderation **Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
- 12.15 h **Prof. Dr. Purificación Ubri Rabaneda**
Ancient History / Universidad de Granada
Bishops in the Spotlight:
The Episcopal Leadership in the Formation
of New Powers in Late Antique Iberia
- 13.00 h *Lunch*

- 15.30 h **Prof. Dr. Margarita Vallejo Girvés**
Ancient History / Universidad de Alcalá
The Only Peninsular Voices of Byzantine Spain
- 16.15 h **Prof. Dr. Thomas Deswarte**
Medieval History / Université d'Angers
The Bishop and the King in the *Vita Sancti Ildefonsi*
- 17.00 h *Coffee Break*
- 17.30 h **Prof. Dr. Pablo C. Díaz**
Ancient History / Universidad de Salamanca
Dumio-Braga. A Functional Duality, a Legal Anomaly
- 18.15 h **Prof. Dr. Julio Escalona**
*Medieval History / Instituto de Historia
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas Madrid*
The Tenth-Century Castilian Church:
the Large Gap between Ideal and Reality
- 20.30 h *Dinner*

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Saturday, **27.06.2020**

Gästehaus der Universität Hamburg

Bishops in Adversity: The Gallic Case

Moderation **Prof. Dr. Hans-Werner Goetz**
Medieval History / Universität Hamburg

9.30 h **Dr. Pablo Poveda Arias**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg
Metropolitan Bishops under Threat in Gaul
(5th-6th Centuries)

10.15 h **Prof. Dr. Ian Wood**
Medieval History / University of Leeds
The British Academy
Bishops and Burgundians

11.00 h *Coffee Break*

11.30 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

12.15 h **Prof. Dr. Charles Mériaux**
Medieval History / Université de Lille
Bishops under Pressure: Priests and Episcopal
Authority in Carolingian Francia

13.00 h *Lunch*

15.30 h **Prof. Dr. Philippe Depreux**
Medieval History / Universität Hamburg
Threat of Deposition as Weapon
against Bishops during the Early Middle Ages:
The Case of Carolingian Gaul

Episcopal Adversities in Peripheral Areas

Moderation **Dr. Pablo Poveda Arias**
Ancient History / Universität Hamburg

16.15 h **Dr. Katharina Winckler**
*Medieval History / Institut für Mittelalterforschung –
Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften*
Suspicious Minds: Court Bishops and Bishops
without Seat in Agilolfingian Bavaria

17.00 h *Coffee Break*

17.30 h **Prof. Dr. Katy Cubitt**
Medieval History / University of East Anglia
Episcopal Authority and Diocesan Structure
in England c. 650-1066

18.15 h **Prof. Dr. Javier Arce**
Ancient History / Université de Lille
Concluding Remarks

20.30 h *Dinner*



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