

Rulers and Saints. Concepts of “dynasty” and “sanctity” from Late Antiquity to the Late Middle Ages

WORKSHOP

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Venue: St Luke’s Chapel and Seminar Room, 3rd Floor,
TORCH, Radcliffe Humanities Building (Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6GG)

PROGRAMME

- 9.15-9.45 Registration and coffee (St Luke’s Chapel)
- 9.45 Introduction to the workshop (St Luke’s Chapel)
- 10.00-11.30 **Session 1: Rulers and Saints in Late Antiquity**
(St Luke’s Chapel)
- Marta Tycner** (‘Cult of Saints’):
*Constantine the Great and the cult of saints at the very beginnings
of Christian monarchy*
- Pawel Nowakowski** (‘Cult of Saints’):
*Epigraphic manifestations of an early dynastic discourse. Anicia
Juliana, Justinian, and the building inscriptions of the churches of
St. Polyeuktos and Sts. Sergios and Bakchos in Constantinople*
- Nikoloz Aleksidze** (‘Cult of Saints’):
*Parthian in Form, Roman in Essence: Legitimising kingship in the
late antique Caucasus*
- Discussion
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee break (St Luke’s Chapel)
- 12.00-13.30 **Session 2: Rulers and Saints in the Early Middle Ages**
(St Luke’s Chapel)

Marta Szada (Warsaw University):
*Holy Queens and Their Children. Sanctity and Dynastic Policies in
Merovingian Gaul*

Grzegorz Pac (Warsaw University):
Limits of royal female sanctity in the Early Middle Ages

Steffen Hope (Odense):
*A dynasty of saints? The minor saints of medieval Norway and
their association with Saint Olaf*

Discussion

13.30-14.30 Sandwich lunch (St Luke’s Chapel)

14.30-16.00 **Keynote lecture** (St Luke’s Chapel)

Gábor Klaniczay (Central European University, Budapest):
*‘Beata stirps’ revisited. The use of the concept of dynastic
sainthood by the Angevins and the Luxemburgs in the 14th century*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break (Seminar Room)

16.30-17.30 **Session 3: Rulers and Saints in the Late Middle Ages -
Jagiellonian dynasty** (Seminar Room)

Stanislava Kuzmová (‘Jagiellonians’):
*The failed saints of the Jagiellonians? King Wladislaus of Poland
and Hungary and contemporary ideas of dynastic sainthood*

Giedrė Mickūnaitė (‘Jagiellonians’):
*Dynasty at the gates of paradise: Casimir is the name,
Jagiellonian is the password*

Discussion

17.30-18.00 Final discussion & closing remarks (Seminar Room)

18.00-19.00 Wine reception (Seminar Room)

Dinner for the speakers

The event is open to all and free, including refreshments, upon registration by
emailing marta.tycner@history.ox.ac.uk by 10 May.