



Unity and diversity of medieval (Central) Europe

Social order and its cohesive and disruptive forces

Second biannual conference of *MECERN* (*Medieval Central Europe Research Network*), held in Olomouc (Czech Republic) by the Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University, Olomouc and Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava, on 31 March–2 April 2016.

Thursday, 31 March

9:00–10:30 Opening

9:00–9:45 Jaroslav Miller (rector of Palacký University); Jiří Lach (dean of Faculty of Arts, Palacký University); Aleš Zářický (dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava); Daniel Ziemann (head of Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest)

9:45–10:30 János M. Bak (Budapest): Comparative history of medieval Central Europe: Past and Future (*Opening plenary lecture*)

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10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–12:40 Session 1: Urban communities

11:00–11:25 Katalin Szende (Budapest): *The Bishops' Old Towns. Social and Spatial Transformations in the Episcopal Sees of East Central Europe in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries*

11:25–11:50 Károly Goda (Vienna): *Communal Bonds and Societal Change: Eucharistic Brotherhoods in the Metropolitan Contexts of Medieval Central Europe*

11:00–12:40 Session 2: Medieval mentality

11:00–11:25 Marek Otisk (Ostrava): *Unity and Multiplicity. About the Philosophy, Liberal Arts and the Game Rithmomachia in the Last Quarter of the Tenth Century*

11:25–11:50 Lukáš Lička (Ostrava): *Unity and Diversity in Medieval Psychology*

11:50–12:15 Gábor Klaniczay (Budapest): *The Reception of the Cult of Stigmatic Saints in Hungary and Moravia in the Late Middle Ages?*



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11:50–12:15 Zoë Opačić (London): *New Towns and their Legacy in Late Medieval Central Europe*

12:15–12:40 Sarah Claire (Paris): *Assistance and Solidarity in Troubled Times: Bohemia in the Late Middle Ages*

12:15–12:40 Balázs Nagy (Budapest): *Mining Towns of Medieval Central Europe – Comparative Approaches*

12:40–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–15:30 Session 3: Poster session

Ágnes Drosztmér (Budapest): *The Vitéz Order during the Rule of the Ottomans in Early Modern Hungary and the Transformation of the Social System*

Ádám Novák (Debrecen): *Social Structure and Aristocratic Representation – Red Wax Seal Usage in the Fifteenth-Century Hungary*

Kristina Judaš (Zagreb): *From execution to clemency: capital punishment in late medieval Gradec (1450–1480)*

Maja Cepetić (Rijeka): *Tendencies in Political and Territorial Organisation in the Episcopal Estates of Zagreb Diocese*

Mišo Petrović (Budapest): *From the Pope to the King: The Road of Archbishop Andrew of Gualdo (c.1350–1437)*

Igor Razum (Budapest): *Ecclesiastical Reformer and Politician: the Faces of Bishop Stephen II of Zagreb*

Matouš Turek (Prague/Rennes): *Ligna in Propriis Detulit Humeris: Inscribing Forest Exploitation into Literary and Pictorial Narratives in 14th-Century Bohemia*

Elizabeth Allyn Woock (Olomouc): *Re-introduction of Double Monasteries as a Solution for Mendicant Nuns*

15:30–17:10 Session 4: Literature as a reflection of dynamic social structure

15:30–15:55 Levente Seláf (Budapest): *Central European Countries in Medieval French Genealogical Romances*

15:55–16:20 Kristýna Solomon (Olomouc): *The Idea of Crusades in German Medieval Literature*

16:20–16:45 Julia Verkholtantsev (Philadelphia): *Folk History in Medieval Chronicles of Central Europe*

15:30–17:10 Session 5: Space and its interpretation

15:30–15:55 Dariusz Adamczyk (Hannover): *Commercial Entanglements and Political Transformations: Was Long-Distance Trade the Prime Mover of the Piast State during the Late Viking Age?*

15:55–16:20 Beatrix Romhányi (Budapest): *Frontier and Mediator: the Amber Road in the Middle Ages*



16:45–17:10 Matouš Jaluška (Prague): *The Frame Cannot Hold: Overturned Chessboards in Medieval Central European Literature*

16:20–16:45 Stefan Eichert (Vienna): *Formation and Transformation of Societies in the Early Medieval Eastern Alps*

16:45–17:10 Sergiu Musteață (Iasi): *Soroca Fortress – an Example of Unity and Diversity Medieval Moldova*

17:10–17:40 Coffee break

17:40–19:40 Roundtable I: What decisions were made by late medieval noble assemblies – and how?

Organisers: János M. Bak (Budapest), Martyn Rady (London)

Julia Burkhardt (Heidelberg): *Poland, Germany*; Christopher Nicholson (London): *Bohemia*; Zrinka Nikolić Jakus (Zagreb): *Dalmatia*; Cosmin Popa-Gorjanu (Alba Iulia): *Transylvania*; Matyn Rady (London): *Hungary*; Damir Karbić (Zagreb): *Croatia*; Marija Karbić (Zagreb): *Slavonia, Turopolje*

20:00 Evening reception

Friday, 1 April

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9:00–10:15 Session 6: Dynasties and family politics

9:00–9:25 Dániel Bagi (Pécs): *Divisio regni. Dynastic Conflicts and Division of the Kingdom in Hungary in the Eleventh Century in an East-Central-European Comparison*

9:25–9:50 Dušan Zupka (Oxford): *Diversity of Dynastic Consciousness in Medieval (Central) Europe*

9:50–10:15 Márta Font (Pécs): *Rostislav of Chernigov and His Connection to Dynasties of East Central Europe*

9:00–10:15 Session 7: Borders of Christianity in East-Central Europe

9:00–9:25 Nada Zečević (East Sarajevo): *Apud Europeos...qui nomine Christiano censentur: Europe in the Crusading Discourse of the Papal Curia in the Fifteenth Century*

9:25–9:50 Borislav Grgin (Zagreb): *The Ottomans, the Venetians and the Emperors – How did the external factors influence changes in late medieval Croatia (1458–1527)?*

9:50–10:15 Aleksandar Uzelac (Belgrade): *Disruptive Force or the Extraordinary Pool of Military Resources – Cumans and Tatars in the Medieval Balkan States*

10:15–10:45 Coffee break



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10:45–12:25 Session 8: Church and religion

10:45–11:05 Dorottya Uhrin (Budapest): *The Cult of Saints as Cohesive Force. The case of the Hungarian Confraternities Dedicated to Virgin Martyrs*

11:05–11:25 Paul Richard Blum (Baltimore): *The Divisive and the Unifying Power of Faith: Nicholas of Cusa in the Presence of Islamic Military Victory*

11:25–11:45 Andrea Bartocci (Teramo): *Texts of Bartolus de Saxoferrato on the Franciscan Poverty in Late Medieval Moravia*

11:45–12:05 Tomislav Matić (Zagreb): *Assaults on Clerics of the Diocese of Zagreb in the First Third of the Fifteenth Century*

12:05–12:25 Dženan Dautović (Sarajevo): *The Talking Dead: Social Order and Disorder according to Epitaphs on Bosnian Medieval Tombstones - Stećci (13th–15th century)*

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12:30–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–15:40 Session 10: Christianisation and transformation

14:00–14:25 Grzegorz Pac (Warsaw): *Appealing to Christian sacrum. The cult of Saints and the Development of the Christianization Process in Poland and other countries of the region*

14:25–14:50 Miroslav Vepřek (Olomouc): *Central European Penitent in the Eleventh Century – from a Point of View of the Church Slavonic Texts*

14:50–15:15 Marta Graczyńska (Kraków): *The Cathedral - bishopric or royalty? The Central European Cathedrals as a Place of Legitimization of Power till the End of the Eleventh Century (A Case Study)*

10:45–12:25 Session 9: The Baltic Sea Basin

10:45–11:10 Beata Mozejko (Gdańsk): *King Kazimierz Jagiellończyk's Relations with Society in Royal Prussia. Building New Relationships and Respecting Old Ones*

11:10–11:35 Anna Kuznetsova (Moscow): *Polabian-Baltic Slavs in the Light of Imperial Taxation*

11:35–12:00 Rita Regina Trimonienė (Šiauliai): *Interaction between Centres and Local Societies: Disturbances in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the Fifteenth Century*

12:00–12:25 Benjámín Borbás (Budapest): *The Social Aspects of Wars of the Teutonic Knights in Baltics*

14:00–15:40 Session 11: Elites and society I

14:00–14:25 Márton Rózsa (Budapest): *Lands and Families of Provincial Aristocracy at Thessalonike in the Early Twelfth Century*

14:25–14:50 Gábor Bradács (Debrecen): *Iudex provincialis Styrie. Legal Innovation and Social Transition in the Medieval Styria during the Hungarian Rule (1254–1260)*

14:50–15:15 Wojciech Kozłowski (Warsaw): *A Society of Lords: "International" Society in the Thirteenth-Century Central Europe*

15:15–15:40 Witold Brzeziński (Bydgoszcz): *A Married Woman's Subjection to Her Male Relatives as a Part of the Social Order*



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15:15–15:40 Jakub Izdný (Prague): “*Divicie michi habundant*”: *The Economics of Christianisation of the Central Europe*

among the Nobility in Late Medieval Greater Poland

15:40–16:10 Coffee break

16:10–17:50 Roundtable II: Coherence and Disruption in Legal Practice in Medieval South-Eastern Europe

Organiser: Martyn Rady (London)

Neven Isailović (Belgrade): *Fragments of Law in Medieval Bosnian Charters*

Miloš Ivanović (Belgrade): *The Law of Medieval Serbian Mining Towns and Its Application*

Adrian Magina (Reșița): *Between Law and Custom: Legal Norms and Practice in the Romanian Communities from Medieval and Early Modern Banat*

Livia Magina (Reșița): *Contra fures et malefactores: Theft in Documents of Medieval Transylvania Counties Courts*

Suzana Miljan (Zagreb): *The Hierarchy of Courts and the Hierarchy of the Law: Legal Procedure and the Disputes among the Slavonian Nobility in the Age of Sigismund (1387–1437)*

16:10–17:50 Session 12: Elites and society II

16:10–16:35 Attila Bárány (Debrecen): *Military Threat and the Structure of Baronial Banderia in Sigismundian Hungary (1387–1437)*

16:35–17:00 Zdeněk Beran (Hradec Králové): *Czech Nobility in the Fifteenth Century: Between the Protection and Disruption of Social Order*

17:00–17:25 Antun Nekić (Zadar): *Slavonia and Transylvania at the Turn of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Century: Oligarchs, King's Appointees, Local Society and the (Re)shaping of the Political Communities*

17:25–17:50 Sobiesław Szybkowski (Gdańsk): *The Land Community of Gentry in Poland in the First Half of Fifteenth Century – Development, Function, Structure and Inner Hierarchy. The Example of Wider Greater Poland*

18:00–20:00 A little evening walk

City Centre Tour (Late-Medieval; some churches, town-hall) or Visit to the Bishop's Palace (Early/High-Medieval) and Archdiocesan Museum (Late-Medieval art) TBA

20:00 Evening reception

Saturday, 2 April

9:00–10:15 Session 13: Kingship and royal power

9:00–9:25 József Laszlovszky (Budapest) *Beyond Buda, Cracow and Prague:*

9:00–10:15 Session 14: Manuscripts and images as bearers of meaning

9:00–9:25 Lucie Doležalová (Prague): *Disruption on the Manuscript Page:*



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Landscapes of Royal Power in Medieval Central Europe

9:25–9:50 Václav Žůrek (Prague): *Who Should Ensure the Social Order? Reflection on the Function of the King and the Nobility in the Hussite and post-Hussite Bohemia*

9:50–10:15 Robert Antonín (Ostrava): *Bad Times of a Bad King. Rex-tyranus and Rex-inutilis in Medieval Bohemia*

10:15–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–12:25 Session 15: Cities and minorities

10:45–11:10 Castilia Manea-Grgin (Zagreb): *Changing Dominant Social Paradigms: The Dubrovnik-Born Merchant Benedikt Kotrulj on the Role and Place of Trade and Traders in the Medieval Society (15th Century)*

11:10–11:35 Piotr Okniński (Warsaw): *Forming Polish Medieval Commune: The Case of Kraków*

11:35–12:00 Markéta Kabůrková (Olomouc): *And Money Answereth All Things: Christian and Jewish Approaches to Usury*

12:00–12:25 Tamás Visi (Olomouc): *Jewish Society in Late Medieval Moravia: The Rise and Fall of a Rabbinic Elite*

12:30–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–15:20 Session 17 (plenary): MECERN Projects

MECERN Textbook project (organised by János M. Bak and András Kraft)

MECERN Research Companion (organised by Nada Zečević)

15:20–15:30 Coffee Break

15:30–16:30 Closing

15:30–16:15 Miri Rubin (London): *The End of Solidarity? Medieval Cities in the Fifteenth Century (Closing plenary lecture)*

16:15–16:30 *Closing and vision*

Material Text and Re-Organization of Knowledge in Late Medieval Central Europe

9:25–9:50 Stanislava Kuzmová (Oxford): *One Manuscript, Two Preachers, Saints and Hussites (The Dynamics of Cohesion and Disruption in Wrocław between Bohemia and the Jagiellonian Poland)*

9:50–10:15 Daniela Rywиковá (Ostrava): *“Tu mutaberis in me...” Visual Arts Helping to Transform, Unite or Cure the Corrupted World?*

10:45–12:25 Session 16: Visual art and society

10:45–11:10 Daniel Soukup (Olomouc): *“Ut discernantur”: Reconstructing Ashkenazic Dress in the Fourteenth-Century Bohemia*

11:10–11:35 Ivan Gerát (Bratislava): *The Princess at Work – Some Questions Concerning the Vita of Saint Elizabeth in Cod. Vind. 370 (Liber depictus)*

11:35–12:00 Kateřina Horníčková (Vienna/České Budějovice): *Visual Strategies of Communities sub una and sub utraque in the Fifteenth/Sixteenth Centuries*

12:00–12:25 Aleš Mudra (Prague): *The Eucharist as an Integrating Element of Late Medieval Society: Great Sacrament Houses’ Witness*

