

**Networks – Cooperation – Rivalry. The Fourth Biennial Conference of the Medieval Central Europe Research Network (MECERN)**

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MECERN is a semi-formal interdisciplinary network of scholars, students and interested others, fostering research, and spreading knowledge of medieval Central Europe. It was created at Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary, in 2014, building on the renown and expertise of the CEU Department of Medieval Studies and its founding members. In collaboration with the host university, MECERN organizes biennial conferences with broadly themed agendas since its foundation. The University of Gdańsk, which hosted this conference, was faced with the big task of transferring the approximately 150 lectures and associated discussions into an online format that would make scholarly exchange possible against all odds. Participants from 17 countries exchanged views on current research topics of medieval Central Europe in 44 sessions.

The conference was opened by PIOTR STEPNOWSKI, rector of the University of Gdańsk, followed by BEATA MOŻEJKO on behalf of the University of Gdańsk's organizing committee, and KATALIN SZENDE (Budapest) as president of MECERN. In her lecture on monastic networks in East Central Europe, EMILIA JAMROZIAK (Leeds/Erfurt) and showed how the exploration of networks between material, the human, and the immaterial is a practical approach for dynastic research.

The conference offered a variety of presentation formats by including plenary sessions as well as thematic sessions. The plenary sessions were offered to all participants simultaneously, while in the thematic sessions, participants could choose between up to seven

panels offered in parallel. Within each panel, selected speakers gave short presentations, followed by a discussion with the audience. Therefore, only selected individual contributions can be presented in the following text.

In session 3, three researchers presented their current work on the topic of „Mendicants and Missions“. MARIE-MADELEINE DE CEVINS (Rennes) focused on the networks of spiritual brotherhoods of mendicants and faithful supporters in Central Europe. In this, she examined the surviving correspondence between religious and noble families who made donations in the period between 1250 and 1530. De Cevins made it clear that representatives of the mendicant orders wanted to bind the charitable families to their own order in the long term, for example, by offering memorial services or by suggesting that the noble children be taken into one of their monasteries.

PAWEŁ CHOLEWICKI (Leeds) illustrated the complex construct of the Bosnian Vicariate and its immense territorial extent, which included Bosnia, Dalmatia, the southern part of the kingdom of Hungary, and Apulia. The monasteries were widely distributed and spread over varied regions. The Vicariate functioned as an organism, which emphasized the economic efficiency of the houses. A system was established that made it possible to stabilize less profitable houses financially. However, the uncertain political situation and the recurring attacks of the Ottomans eventually led to the dissolution of the Vicariate.

In Hungary, the political challenges, such as the Ottoman invasion and the Battle of Mohács, also affected the ecclesiastical landscape. Since the beginning of the 15th century, the Franciscan Order consisted of two branches, the Conventual and the Observant. MÁRIA LUPESCU MAKÓ (Cluj) elaborated on the differences and similarities of the two streams. The members of the Conventual branch, whose province was named after the Virgin Mary, were mainly people from the cities and members of the lower nobility from the surrounding countryside. Observants counted mainly influential aristocrats and noble families among their followers. It is not surprising that the two branches faced different problems due to the various struc-

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tures of their estates. The Conventuals, for example, struggled with excessive drinking and a lack of respect for superiors, which the Vicariate leadership sought to rectify with the help of new ordinances. The Observants struggled to successfully integrate both newly founded convents and noble benefactors, who were to be recognized as spiritual brothers in the Franciscan communities. Decrees of the provincial chapters addressed moderate disputes between the two strands, such as burial styles and ceremonies.

The conference was not only special because of the unique pandemic situation; it was also the first MECERN meeting held after the death of the exceptional historian/medievalist János M. Bak (1929–2020). Bak played a crucial role in establishing MECERN in 2014, which is why he is now rightly considered one of its founding fathers. With a mixture of personal memories and excerpts from Bak's works, PAUL W. KNOLL (Los Angeles) recalled his longtime companion in a moving lecture in the plenary panel of the first evening.

Following this, the 2020 János Bak Research Fellowship recipient MYKHAYLO YAKUBOVYCH (Ostroh) gave an illuminating talk on the historical account „Meadows of Gold and Mines of Gems,” written by the medieval historian and geographer Al-Masūdi. His contribution focused primarily on the passages containing remarks on the medieval Slavic tribes in Central and Eastern Europe.

BART HOLTERMAN (Göttingen), KASPER H. ANDERSEN (Højbjerg/Aarhus), and TOMASZ ZWIAZEK (Warsaw) presented their latest research in session 25. Roads, bridges, and ferries are indispensable preconditions of building and maintaining contacts and networks. The session offered methodological insights and results from two projects investigating the physical communication infrastructure of Northern Europe (Denmark, the Low Countries, the Hanseatic regions of the Holy Roman Empire, and Poland). The Viabundus project, centered in Göttingen and represented here by researchers from Denmark and Germany, Andersen and Holtermann, offers a digital map of the roads of this region between 1350

and 1650<sup>1</sup>. The „Historical Atlas of Poland“ is a long-standing project that includes the reconstruction of the road system of Poland's various provinces in the 16th century. The speakers hope that similar enterprises in the future will cover other regions and countries of Europe, too.

In session 27, after a short methodological introduction by JULIA BURKHARDT (Munich), the participants discussed the use of „otherness“ and „foreignness“ as strategies to produce legitimacy in premodern Europe based on case studies from Germany, Bohemia, and Poland-Lithuania.

CHRISTA BIRKEL (Düsseldorf) presented the Bohemian example of John the Blind and discussed to what extent the first Luxembourg king on the Bohemian throne was considered „foreign“ in 14th-century Bohemia and what factors his contemporaries used to define potential „otherness“. Her findings show how phases of foreignness determined public discourse and the various goals pursued by its contributing actors.

GRISCHA VERCAMER (Chemnitz) examined the *Chronica Regum Romanorum* of Thomas Ebendorfer (1388-1464) concerning the perception of Polish rulers, Poland's foreign contacts and kinship relations (e.g., through marriage).

The panel concluded with the remarks of IRYNA KLYMENKO (Munich), who examined the aspect of „otherness“ during the transformative phase of the late 16th century in multicultural Poland and Lithuania. This contribution illuminated a spectrum of discourses on collective „otherness“ through body practices, such as eating and fasting, based on sources by different religious and confessional groups.

KATE HAMMOND (Leiden) spoke about the series „East Central and Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages, 450-1450“ published by Brill. Subsequently, selected publications connected to MECERN's previous conference at Zagreb in 2018, thematic issues of the journals *East Central Europe*, the *Hungarian Historical Review* and *Povijesni Prilozi*, were presented.

In session 30, GRISCHA VERCAMER (Chemnitz) dealt with three chronicles writ-

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<sup>1</sup> [www.viabundus.eu](http://www.viabundus.eu).

ten at different decades of the 14th and 15th centuries by Peter of Duisburg, Wigand of Marburg, and Johann of Posilge. He observed the author's attitude towards Poland and the Poles (particularly the Polish kings including Władysław Łokietek, Casimir III, and Władysław-Jagiello) and how this changed at times of peace and war, or how this was influenced by the events of the period under study.

VÁCLAV ŽŮREK (Prague) focused on the king as a judge and negotiator, analyzing the rulers' function reflected in two medieval chronicles commissioned by Emperor Charles IV. Žůrek compared the *Cronica Boemorum* by the Florentine Franciscan John of Marignol, former papal legate to the Far East, and the chronicle of Přibík Pulkava z Radenína, which were intended to present the history of Bohemia from the Flood to the Emperor's reign.

The second day concluded with a plenary talk by PIOTR GÓRECKI (Riverside), who addressed fundamental and universal research questions regarding Central Europe.

The last day was opened by three project presentations. NADA ZEČEVIĆ (London) spoke about the current publication status of the *Oxford Handbook of Medieval Central Europe*, and MARIE-MADELEINE DE CEVINS (Rennes) presented her managing guidance in the development of the French reference work *Dictionnaire historique de l'Europe centrale*. Finally, ANTONÍN KALOUS (Olomouc) gave a short insight into his current project „Observance Reconsidered: Uses and Abuses of the Reform (Individuals, Institutions, Society)“.

In session 36, MARCIN MICHALAK (Gdańsk), MARIA LEWANDOWICZ (Gdańsk), and MICHAŁ GAŁĘDEK (Gdańsk) discussed various case studies of legal regulations from different centuries and regions.

Session 37 and 42 discussed the impact of the Mongol Invasion 1241/42 in various ways. Besides the reflections on historiography, the political, economic, and social implications in the Hungarian Kingdom were presented.

In the closing lecture, GÁBOR KLANICZAY (Budapest) introduced networks of saints in late medieval Central Europe. As an

example of such networks, he presented royal saints in general and St. Wenceslas in Bohemia in particular. Other well-known saints who, according to Klaniczay, may be counted in the category of royal saints are St. Stanislaus for Poland and St. Elizabeth of Hungary. As another type of network, he mentioned dynastic networks, which were often connected by the joint patronage of dynastic saints. Various historiographical and art-historical examples supported Klaniczay's explanations.

The Gdańsk MECERN conference has shown how fruitful the work in a scholarly network can be and how vital exchange and cooperation are for modern historical science, whether online or face-to-face. The next conference will take place in 2023, hosted by Comenius University in Bratislava.

### Conference overview

Welcoming Remarks: Piotr Stepnowski (Gdańsk) / Beata Możejko (Gdańsk) / Katalin Szende (Budapest) / Arkadiusz Janicki (Gdańsk) / Wojciech Zalewski (Gdańsk)

#### Plenary Lecture

Chair: Beata Możejko (Gdańsk)

Emilia Jamrozak (Leeds/Erfurt): Connections and Disconnection of Monastic Networks in East Central Europe

#### Session 1: Social Bonding

Chair: Sobiesław Szybkowski (Gdańsk)

Hana Komárková (Opava): Network of Oaths – Urban Life from the Late Middle Ages to the Early Modern Era (on the Example of Silesian and Moravian Towns)

Grzegorz Myśliwski (Warsaw): The Transfer of Sumptuary Laws into and within Central Europe

Wojciech Zarosa (Kielce): Functions and Meaning of the Oath Ritual in the International Relations of Late Medieval Poland

#### Session 2: Trade Networks

Chair: Julia Burkhardt (Munich)

Dariusz Adamczyk (Warsaw): Why Did Trading Networks Collapse? The Case of the Emporium at Janów Pomorski/Truso

Katalin Szende (Budapest): Fair Relations. Marketplaces and the Formation of Cathedral

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Cities in East Central Europe up to the 13th Century

Justyna Wubs-Mrozewicz (Amsterdam): The Trader and the Emperor: Networks and Conflict Escalation in Late Medieval Northern Europe

*Session 3: Mendicants and Missions*

Chair: Anna Adamska (Utrecht)

Marie-Madeleine de Cevins (Rennes): Spiritual Confraternities in Central Europe (c.1250–c.1530): The Key to Successful Cooperation between the Mendicant Friars and the Laity?

Paweł Cholewicki (Leeds): The Disintegration of the Bosnian Vicariate (1444–1448): Factors, Course and Consequences

Mária Lupescu Makó (Cluj): One Order – Two Branches. Franciscans in Late Medieval Hungary

*Session 4: Networking through Fighting*

Chair: Attila Bárányi (Debrecen)

Benjámín Borbás (Budapest): The Process of Booty Distribution in the Crusades of the 13th Century – Securing and Storing the Spoils of Wars

Zoltán Véber (Debrecen): The Network of *familiars* in John Hunyadi's Service

Katarzyna Niemczyk (Katowice): The Ideology of the Protector of the Christianity in the Politics of Southeastern Poland in the First Half in the 16th Century

*Session 5: Iconography of the Visual Arts*

Chair: Zoë Opačić (London)

Beata Purc-Stepniak (Gdańsk): What Links the Triptych of the Last Judgment by Hans Memling with Florence, Rome, Nuremberg, Breisach and Kraków?

Sabina Madgearu (Bucharest): Networks of Faith in Late Medieval Europe: The West and the East

Andrzej Wozniński (Gdańsk): Between Gdańsk and Königsberg. Artistic Relationships in the Field of Late Medieval Sculpture and Painting

*Session 6: Power and Its Perception*

Chair: Eduard Mühle (Münster)

Jakub Izdný (Prague): Early Central European State Formation. Empire or Network?

Dániel Bagi (Pécs): Historiographical Concepts of the 11th-century Dynastic Conflicts in Hungary and East Central Europe in the Hungarian Medieval Research of the 19th and the 20th Centuries

Michał Machalski (Budapest/Vienna): Zbigniew's First Return to Poland and Networks of Loyalty in the *Gesta principum Polonorum*

*Session 7: Literary Networks*

Chair: Farkas Gábor Kiss (Budapest)

Levente Seláf (Budapest): A Double Network. Family Ties with and Textual References to Central Europe in Medieval French Romances

Pavlna Cermanová (Prague): The Movement of Secret Knowledge: *Secretum Secretorum* and Academic Channels of its Dissemination

Zaneta Sambunjak (Zadar): Networking, Cooperation and Rivalry in Croatian Medieval Literature in Slavko Ježić's History of Croatian Literature to the Present (1944)

*Session 8: Diplomacy and Benefices*

Chair: Marie-Madeleine de Cevins (Rennes)

Attila Bárányi (Debrecen): Crusading Itinerary and Dynastic Network: King Andrew II of Hungary and his System of Alliances from the Outremer to the Balkans

Gergely Kiss (Pécs): The *familia* as Network and its Impact on the Policy Regarding Church Benefices and Diplomacy

Anna Pobóg-Lenartowicz (Opole): The Beginning's Myth. Historiography as a Tool in the Rivalry of Medieval Silesian Monasteries

*Session 9: For or against the Pope?*

Chair: Robert Antonín (Ostrava)

1. Gábor Barabás (Pécs): *Nos tuis supplicationibus inclinati, auctoritate tibi presentium indulgemus*: Pope Innocent IV and the Decline of Delegated Jurisdiction in Hungary in the Mid-13th Century

Pavel Soukup (Prague): Preachers of the Husite Crusade: Authority and Rhetorics in the Anti-Heretical Campaign in Central Europe, 1420–1471

Paweł Figurski (Warsaw): Medieval Liturgy and the Making of Polish Political Identity

*Session 10: Urban Economies: Conflicts and Cooperation*

Chair: Balázs Nagy (Budapest)

Renáta Skorka (Budapest): Mine – Networks, Cooperation, Rivalry

András Vadas (Budapest): Waters as Sources of Conflicts in Medieval Hungarian Mining Towns

Piotr Łozowski (Białystok): Together, Separately, or Indifferently? Economic Relations between Elites of Old and New Warsaw in the Late Medieval Period

*Session 11: Merchants and Trade*

Chair: Gregor Rohmann (Frankfurt am Main)

Ivona Vargek (Budapest/Vienna): Networking on the Adriatic: Commercial Contracts between Dubrovnik and Italian Towns in the High Middle Ages

Judit Gál (Budapest): King Louis I of Hungary's Economic Policy and its Impact on the Trade of the Dalmatian Towns

Leslie Carr-Riegel (Budapest/Vienna): A Merchant of Venice in Poland: The Life and Times of Pietro Bicherano

Patrycja Szewdo-Kiełczewska (Warsaw): How to Procure Privileges from the King? Deputations, Gifts and Contact Network of the Cities in the Late Middle Ages – The Example of Poznań, Kraków, and Lviv

*Session 12: Higher Nobility and Gender Relations*

Chair: Anna Pytasz-Kołodziejczyk (Olsztyn)

Iurii Zazuliak (Lviv): Noblewomen and the Historical Tradition of the Polish Conquest of Galicia (Red Ruthenia). Family Alliances, Ethnicity, and the Local Boyar Elite in the Late 14th to Early 15th Centuries

Sobiesław Szybkowski (Gdańsk): The Network of Family Connections between the Magnate Elite of Kujawy and the Lands of Łęczyca, Sieradz and Dobrzyń (End of the 14th and 15th Centuries)

3. Witold Brzeziński (Bydgoszcz): Marital Alliances of Higher Nobles in Late Medieval

Greater Poland. Case Studies

*Session 13: Diplomatic Networks – Networking Diplomats (I)*

Chair: Attila Györkös (Debrecen)

Angelica A. Montanari (Bologna): The Ritual Expression of Political Rivalry: Henry VII of Luxembourg and the Italian Cities

Přemysl Bar (Brno): The Diplomacy of Sigismund of Luxembourg in the Dispute between the Teutonic Knights and Poland-Lithuania

Valentina Šotarić (Zadar): The Social Network of the First Ambassadors of Dubrovnik to the Sublime Porte

*Session 14: Networking in Church*

Chair: Beatrix F. Romhányi (Budapest)

Sebastian P. Bartos (Valdosta, GA): Baronial Oligarchy, Piast Dukes and Episcopal Authority during Wisław of Kościelec's Tenure in the Bishopric of Kraków (1229–1242)

Zofia Wilk-Woś (Łódź): Between Cooperation and Competition – Ecclesiastical Contacts between Gniezno and Wrocław in the 15th Century?

3. Zsolt Hunyadi (Szeged): The General Chapters of the Hospitallers and the Hungarian-Slavonian Priory: Functioning of a Network (13th to 15th Centuries)

*In memoriam Professor János M. Bak*

Chair: Emilia Jamrozik (Leeds/Erfurt)

Paul W. Knoll (Los Angeles): „Times of Upheaval” – Tribute to János Bak

*Plenary lecture of the 2020 János Bak Research Fellowship recipient*

Mykhaylo Yakubovych (Ostroh): Al-Masūdi on the Medieval Tribes of the Baltic Region: Coming Back to the Sources

*Session 15: Art and Architecture*

Chair: Gerhard Jaritz (Budapest/Vienna)

Marta Graczyńska (Kraków): The Network of Architectural Plans

Béla Zsolt Szakács (Budapest/Piliscsaba/Vienna): Modeling Artistic Networks: The Case of Medieval Spiš

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Tomasz Torbus (Gdańsk): Alien Enemies Still Copied in the Arts? Remarks on Supposed Artistic Relations Between 14th-century Prussia and the Islamic and Byzantine Cultures in the Middle East

*Session 16: Managing Conflict in Emigrant Networks in Late Medieval and Early Modern Central Europe*

Chair: Daniel Ziemann (Budapest/Vienna)

Suzana Miljan (Zagreb): Did „Nation“ Play a Role in Conflicts in Slavonia in the 15th Century: Nobility, City and the King

Krisztina Arany (Budapest): The Role of Homeland and the Hungarian King in Negotiating Conflicts of the Italian Diaspora in Late Medieval Buda

Nada Zečević (London): Caught in Crossfire: Mediating Conflict in Serbian Communities in Habsburg Hungary (17th/18th Centuries)

*Session 17: The Network of Artworks*

Chair: Andrzej Woziński (Gdańsk)

Juraj Belaj (Zagreb) and Iva Papić (Osijek): Artistic Legacy of Military Orders in Croatia – A Network of Traces and Influences (Case Studies)

Weronika Grochowska, (Gdańsk), English Alabaster Sculptures on the Territory of the State of the Teutonic Order in Prussia in Local Context

Aleksandra Stanek (Gdańsk): The Coat of Arms of Louis II, King of Hungary and Bohemia in the Choir of the Barcelona Cathedral. The Role and Significance of the Jagiellonian Dynasty in the Nineteenth Assembly of the Order of the Golden Fleece in 1519

*Session 18: Medieval Books in Migration: Western / Eastern Europe*

Chair: Levente Seláf (Budapest)

Stanisław Wołoszczenko (Lviv): Between Lutsk and Florence: Usage and Migration of the Psalter of 1384

Oleksandr Okhrimenko (Kyiv): Collecting Science: The 15th-century Manuscript for Nicolas from Illrush

Dmytro Lukin (Kyiv): The Paths of Incunabula through Central Europe: A Survey on the

Book from Maksymovych Scientific Library Collection

*Session 19: The Papacy and East Central Europe in the Middle Ages: Ecclesiastical Networks between Cooperation and Rivalry (I)*

Chair: Paweł Kras (Lublin)

Gergely Kiss (Pécs): When the Papal Representative is Mistreated: Cooperation or Rivalry

Antonín Kalous (Olomouc): The Papal Legates and Nuncios Who Have Visited the Countries of Central Europe

*Session 20: Intellectuals and Texts*

Chair: Benedek Láng (Budapest)

Anna Zajchowska-Bołtromiuk (Warsaw): The Observant Network and Circulation of People, Texts and Ideas. The Case of the Polish Province of the Order of Preachers at the Turn of the 14th Century

Petra Mutlová (Brno): Shared University Models? A „Very Special“ Case of the Czech Reformation

Sylwia Konarska-Zimnicka (Kielce): People of Entertainment in Kraków Astrological Forecasts of the Fifteenth and the Beginning of the 16th Century

Etleva Lala (Budapest): John Gazulli, the Albanian Master of Networking

*Session 21: Politics and Statehood*

Chair: Anna Kuznetsova (Moscow)

Márta Font (Pécs): The Southern Principalities of the Kievan Rus' in the Second Half of the 12th Century

Alexandru Madgearu (Bucharest): The Competition for Cumania between Hungary and Bulgaria (1211–1247)

Jeremi Ochab (Brno) / Jan Škvrňák (Kraków): Social Network Analysis of the Bohemian Civil War in 1248/49

*Session 22: Dealing with Conflicts in Medieval Historiography (I)*

Chair: Pavlína Cermanová (Prague)

Daniel Ziemann (Budapest/Vienna): Conflicts at the Eastern Border Zones in Saxon Historiography (10th to 11th Centuries)

Artur Pérodeau (Prague): How Should the Bishop of Prague Deal with Dynastic Conflicts according to Cosmas of Prague? The Figure of Otto I of Bamberg in the „Chronicle of the Czechs“

Vojtěch Bažant (Prague): Aggressive Nationalism in the Second Redaction of the Verse Chronicle by the So-called Dalimil

*Session 23: Holy Bonds – Earthly Ties*

Chair: Gábor Klaniczay (Budapest)

Anna Kuznetsova (Moscow): St Stephen of Hungary and St Vladimir of Rus': Two Saints-Apostles

Silvija Pisk (Zagreb): Pauline Monastic Networks in Medieval Croatia

*Session 24: A Physical Network: Roads, Towns and Transport in Northern and Central Europe in the late Middle Ages*

Chair: Katalin Szende (Budapest/Vienna), Organizer: Niels Petersen (Göttingen)

Bart Holterman (Göttingen): Routes, Roads and Rivers: Towards a Digital Map of the Pre-Modern Transport Network in Northern Europe

Kasper H. Andersen (Højbjerg/Aarhus): The Infrastructure of Medieval Denmark: Roads and Towns in a World of Water

Tomasz Związek (Warsaw): How to Reconstruct the Late Medieval and Early Modern Road Network in Central Europe? Experiences, Remarks and Perspectives after the Project „Historical Atlas of Poland. Detailed Maps of the 16th Century“

*Session 25: Integrating Influences in the Urban Space*

Chair: Felicitas Schmieder (Hagen)

Anna Paulina Orłowska (Warsaw): How to Develop a Trade Network as a Newcomer without Getting Married? Examples from the Account Book of Danzig Merchant Johan Pyre

Anu Mänd (Tallinn): Rome, Rostock, and a Remote Region: Livonian Bishops, their Networks and Art Commissions

Agnieszka Bartoszewicz, (Warsaw): Inclusion and Exclusion. Intercultural Relationships in Old Warsaw in the 15th and 16th Centuries in

the Light of the Municipal Registers

*Session 26: Depicting, Restoring and Using the Desired Past: Representations of Medieval Circles and Networks of Power between Western and Eastern Empires*

Chair: Gábor Barabás (Pécs)

Tudor Sălăgean (Cluj): The Intriguing and Fascinating Anonymous: Contemporary Historiographical Trends

Alexandru Simon (Cluj): Hungary of the Hunyadi's in the 1470s and in the 1590s: The Milanese Copies of a Venetian Assessment of the Realm

Ovidiu Cristea (Bucharest) / Ovidiu Olar (Bucharest/Vienna): Shaping the Past, Legitimizing the Present. The Life of St Nephon and its Uses in 16th/17th-century Wallachia

*Session 27: Making Foreigners in Pre-modern Central Europe: Legitimation Strategies in Times of Socio-political Change (14th to 16th Centuries)*

Chair: Václav Žůrek (Prague)

Julia Burkhardt (Munich): Strangers over Night? A Brief Methodological Introduction

Christa Birkel (Dusseldorf) : *Vos autem estis advena*. John of Luxembourg and the Political Argument of Foreignness in 14th-century Bohemia

Grischa Vercamer (Chemnitz): South-German Chronicles in the Late Middle Ages and Their Perception of Polish Rulers and Poland as a Whole – Esp. Thomas Ebendorfer, 1388–1464

Iryna Klymenko (Munich): Constructing „Otherness“ through Body Practices in Multi-Religious Poland and Lithuania after 1548

*Session 28: Humanists Networks in East Central Europe: On the Occasion of the Forthcoming Series „Companion to Humanism in East Central Europe“*

Chair: Petra Mutlová (Brno)

Gábor Farkas Kiss (Budapest): Latin and the Vernacular in 15th- and 16th-century Hungary: Patterns and Changes in a Large-Scale Dataset

Lucie Storchová (Prague): Early Humanists from Northwest Bohemia: Literary Circles

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## Adaptations of Classical Traditions

Jean-François Morvan (Rennes): Composing the Statutes. Adoption of Norms among Observant Franciscans in Central Eastern Europe: between Rivalry and Cooperation (c. 1450–1520)

### *Plenary Lecture*

Kate Hammond (Brill): Collections in Medieval East Central and Eastern Europe at Brill

Presentation of selected publications connected to the Zagreb 2018 MECERN conference

### *Session 29: Material Contacts*

Chair: József Laszlovszky (Budapest/Vienna)

Ioan Marian Țiplic / Maria Crîngaci Țiplic (Sibiu): Power and Religion in Central and South-East Europe: Political Rituals and Funerary Customs (6th to 11th Centuries)

Robert E. Lierse / Florin Curta (Gainesville, FL): Networks of Masculinity: Bearded Warriors in East Central Europe (6th to 9th Centuries)

Matthias Hardt (Leipzig): Albrecht the Bear and the Polabian Slavs

### *Session 30: Dealing with Conflicts in Medieval Historiography (II)*

Chair: Renáta Skorka (Budapest)

Petr Elbel (Brno): Emperor Sigismund as a Peacemaker in the Light of Eberhard Windeck's Chronicle

Grischa Vercamer (Chemnitz): Chronicles in Poland and the Teutonic Order's Prussia: Mutual Relations in Times of Peace and War (14th to 15th Centuries)

Václav Žůrek (Prague): The King as a Judge and Negotiator. Reflections on the Function of the King in Czech Medieval Chronicles

### *Session 31: The 14th-century Reunification of the Polish Kingdom from a Regional Perspective*

Chair and introduction: Anna Adamska (Utrecht)

Paul Knoll (Los Angeles, CA): Reunification of the Polish Kingdom in the Context of

## Changing Scholarly Paradigms and Methods

Robert Antonín (Ostrava): The Process of Reunification of the Kingdom of Poland from the Bohemian Perspective

Attila Bárány (Debrecen): Consolidation of the Polish Kingdom and the Hungarian Interests in Central Europe

Paul Srodecki (Kiel): The Reunification of Polish Lands Seen from German Lands

### *Session 32: The Papacy and the Local Church*

Chair: Antonín Kalous (Olomouc)

Beata Wojciechowska (Kielce): Medieval Synodal Legislation in Poland against the Norms of the Universal Church

Dušan Coufal (Prague): An Agreement with Heretics? Seeking Legitimate Ways to Return the Hussites to the Roman Church in the 1430s

Monika Saczyńska (Warsaw): People within the Apostolic Net. Examples of Supplications from Poland and Lithuania to the Penitentiary from the 15th Century

### *Session 33: Administrative Networks in the Service of Realms*

Chair: Márta Font (Pécs)

Antun Nekić (Zadar): Royal Knights from Slavonia, Croatia and Dalmatia in the 14th Century: Angevin Court and the Integration of the Provinces

Anna Pytasz-Kołodziejczyk (Olsztyn): The Evolution of Forms of Administration of Royal Property in Lithuania from the 14th to the 16th Century

Bartosz Kędziński (Gdańsk): The Origins of Electronic Monitoring. Imprisonment in Old-Polish Law

### *Session 34: Law and Justice*

Chair: Judit Majorossy (Vienna)

Wojciech Zalewski (Gdańsk): „Justice as a Sanctuary“. Some Remarks on the Crime Control System in a Historical Perspective

Tünde Veres (Debrecen): Judges and Jurisdiction in 15th-century Sabinov

Michaela Antonín Malaníková (Olomouc): Networks of Town Law „in Practice“ – Family Law of Medieval Brno in Comparison with

Olomouc

Piotr Kitowski (Gdańsk): Chojnice City Council from the Middle Ages to the End of the 18th Century. An Interdisciplinary Approach

*Session 35: Material Culture*

Chair: Christina Lutter (Vienna)

Gerhard Jaritz (Budapest/Vienna): From Soup to Shoes: Late Medieval Object Communication between Central and Western Europe

Péter Levente Szócs (Satu Mare): Network of Urban Material Culture Mirrored in Grave Goods: Cases from the Late Medieval and Early Modern Burials of the St Stephen's Churchyard Cemetery, Baia Mare (Nagybánya)

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Chair: Nora Berend (Cambridge)

Piotr Górecki (Riverside, CA): Tyranny of an Adjective? What We Name Our Big Subject, and Whether That Matters

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Chair: Luka Špoljarić (Zagreb)

Nada Zečević (London): „Oxford Handbook of Medieval Central Europe“

Marie-Madeleine de Cevins (Rennes) : The „Dictionnaire historique de l'Europe centrale“

Antonín Kalous (Olomouc): Observance Reconsidered: Uses and Abuses of the Reform (Individuals, Institutions, Society)

*Session 36: Survival of Legal and Institutional Structures*

Chair: Anna Mazurkiewicz (Gdańsk)

Marcin Michalak (Gdańsk): „He Had So Negligently Treated Her that the Wound Became Septic and She Was Maimed“ – Stratton v. Swanlond (1374) and the Medieval Origin of the Liability for Medical Malpractice in Common Law

Maria Lewandowicz (Gdańsk): Gemächde as a Non-Statutory Method of Inheritance in Switzerland in the Middle Ages and in the Early Modern Period

Michał Gałędek (Gdańsk): The Roots of Polish Republicanism in Historical and Political Thought of Joachim Lelewel (1786–1861)

*Session 37: The Expansion of the Mongol Empire and Central Europe (I)*

Chair: Felicitas Schmieder (Hagen)

Balázs Nagy (Budapest/Vienna): Reflections on the 1241/42 Mongol Invasion of Hungary in the Medieval European Historiography

Dorottya Uhrin, (Budapest): The *Historia Mongalorum* and the *Historia Tartarorum*

Adam Lubocki (Gdańsk): Political, Economic and Social Impact of the Mongol Invasion of Poland and Hungary – Comparison, Cooperation or Rivalry? Hungary and Poland after the Mongol Invasion in 1241/42

Beatrix F. Romhányi (Budapest): A Kingdom in Transformation: The 13th-century Hungarian Kingdom Facing the Mongol Invasion

*Session 38: Trade Networks and Ports*

Chair: Beata Mozejko (Gdańsk)

Gregor Rohmann (Frankfurt am Main): Duke Barnim VI of Pomerania – Amphibian Rule, Violence and Social Networks

Michael Meichsner (Greifswald): A King without a Throne – Eric of Pomerania on Gotland and Maritime Violence as Means of Politics

Philipp Höhn (Halle-Wittenberg): Networks at the Margins? The Prosopography of Maritime Violence in the Eastern Baltic around 1450

Jesús Ángel Solórzano Telechea (Cantabria): The Northern Iberian Ports in the Connection of the Mediterranean and Atlantic Europe in the Late Middle Ages

*Session 39: Diplomatic Networks – Networking Diplomats (II)*

Chair: Witold Brzeziński (Bydgoszcz)

János Szakács (Debrecen): A Lesser Noble Family in the Angevin Period in Szabolcs County: The Ibronyis

Cosmin Popa-Gorjanu (Alba Iulia), Building Meaningful Connections: The Himfi Nobles and Their Networks of Support in the Fourteenth and First Half of the 15th Century

Ádám Novák (Debrecen): The Diplomats and Supporters of Matthias Hunyadi – The Seals

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of the Ófalu Peace Treaty (1474)

4. Ioanna Georgiou (Innsbruck): Reconstructing the (Invisible) Web: Antonius Gratiadei (†1492) and the Beginnings of his Diplomatic Career

*Session 40: Shepherds and Pastoralists as Cross-Cultural Agents in Southeast Europe (15th to 16th Centuries)*

Chair: András Vadas (Budapest)

Dana-Silvia Caciur (Bucharest): Morlach Shepherds Crossing the Border: Implications and Consequences (15th to 16th Centuries)

Katerina B. Korrè (Rethymno): From Shepherd to Warrior: Exploiting the Manpower of Pastoral Communities in the Late Medieval Balkans

Fabian Kümmeler (Vienna): Pasturing Islands: Seasonal Routine and Herding Conflicts in the Late Medieval Eastern Adriatic

*:Session 41: Urban Elites – Urban Networks*

Chair Mária Lupescu Makó (Cluj)

Filip Vukuša (Bielefeld): (Re-)Constructing Urban Medieval Social Networks: A Comparative Study of 14th-century Populations of Zadar and Rab

Judit Majorossy (Vienna): Network-Building between Families, Kin-groups, Social Groups in East Central Europe, Especially in the Austrian-Hungarian Border Areas

Jacek Wałdoch (Gdańsk): The Evolution of the Concept of Local Government in the Polish Legal System on the Example of the City of Vilnius

*Session 42: The Expansion of the Mongol Empire and Central Europe (II)*

Chair: Christian Raffensperger (Springfield, OH)

József Laszlovszky (Budapest/Vienna): Archaeological and Historical Interpretations of the Mongol Invasions in Hungary, 1241/42: Destruction, Desertion and Recovery

Stephen Pow (Budapest/Vienna): Reconstructing the Mongol Withdrawal Routes from Europe in 1242

Jason Snider (Budapest/Vienna): Of Tartars

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*Session 43: Diplomatic Networks – Networking Diplomats (III)*

Chair: Paul Srodecki (Kiel)

Bence Péterfi (Budapest): Subjects of the Czech or the Hungarian King? Lobbying for Wrocław in the Court of King Wladislaus II of Hungary and Bohemia

Tomislav Matić (Zagreb): Men of Wealth and Taste. The Role of Early Humanism in the Development of a Central European Diplomatic Network

Stanislava Kuzmová (Bratislava): The Rhetoric of Dynastic and Familial Cooperation between the Hungarian-Bohemian and Polish Jagiellonians around 1500

*Session 44: Urban Elites – Urban Networks (II)*

Chair: Michaela Antonín Malaníková (Olomouc)

Marija Karbić a/ Zrinka Nikolić Jakus (Zagreb): Marriage Networks and Building Structures of Power within the City Communities between the Drava River and the Adriatic Sea: A Comparative Approach

Denis Njari and Monika Bereš (Osijek): Marital Relationships as Strategies for Expanding Power – the Example of the Korodški (Kórógyi) Family

Tadeusz Maciejewski / Mai Maciejewska-Szałas (Gdańsk): Cities of Prussia in a Longue Durée Perspective

*Plenary Lecture*

Chair: Felicitas Schmieder (Hagen)

Gábor Klaniczay (Budapest): Networks of Saints in Late Medieval Central Europe

*Closing remarks*

Beata Mozejko (Gdańsk), Balázs Nagy (Budapest/Vienna)

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