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(Central Europe and Scandinavia, 900–1350)

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Programme



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Wednesday, 22.03.2023

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| 12.30 | lunch |
| 14.00 – 14.10 | opening (Grzegorz Pac) |
| 14.10 – 14.35 | Marcin R. Pauk: Constructing Periphery in the 12th Century: Central European Evidence |
| 14.35 – 15.00 | Ben Allport: Communities of the Realm: The Creation of Peripheries and Mediation of Royal Power in Saga and Skaldic Verse |
| 15.00 – 15.25 | Randi Bjørshol Wærdahl: Local Absence and Central Presence. Mediating and Communicating Royal Power in the Norse Island Communities [Orkney (Shetland), Man and the Hebrides], 1035–1267 |
| 15.25 – 15.50 | Caroline Wilhelmsson: Royal PR: Communication Visibility, and Legitimation of kingship in Early Medieval Sweden |
| 15.50 – 16.15 | discussion |
| 16.15 – 16.30 | coffee break |
| 16.30 – 16.55 | Krzysztof Fokt: The Presence of the Absent Monarch: The Peripheries of Governance in the Early Monarchy of the Piasts |
| 16.55 - 17.20 | Michał Machalski: Seeing the Ruler in Contested Lands: Piast's Exercise of Power in the Testimonies of Witnesses of the Warsaw Trial |
| 17.20 – 17.45 | Andrzej Marzec: A New Centre and New Peripheries. Silesian Principalities vs. The Kingdom of Poland at the Turn of the 13th and 14th Centuries |

- 17.45 – 18.10** **Václav Žůrek:** The Lion, Duke and Common Origin. Ensuring the Authority of the Czech King on the Periphery of his Lands
- 18.10 – 18.40** **discussion**

Thursday, 23.03.2023

- 10.00 – 10.25** **Daniel Bagi:** “Boten sach man in senden in die stete allen enden”. Communication Between Rulers and Local Representatives in the Styrian Rhymed Chronicle of Otacher aus der Gaal
- 10.25 – 10.50** **Helle Vogt:** From Royal Periphery to National Centre for Learning – Scania as Periphery for the Danish Valdemarian King
- 10.50 – 11.15** **Dariusz Adamczyk:** Silver as a Fiscal Resource in Tenth-century Poland. Changing Patterns between “Peripheral” Settlements and the Piast Central Strongholds
- 11.15 – 11.40** **coffee break**
- 11.40 – 12.10** **discussion**
- 12.10 – 12.30** **Final matters** (e.g. discussion of anthology)

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ELITES Project

The workshop is the part of the project 'Symbolic Resources and Political Structures on the Periphery: Legitimization of the ELITES in Poland and Norway, c. 1000 – 1300'. The project focuses on the forms and means of symbolic power the members of the political elites in the two peripheral areas of Europe (Norway and Poland) employed to manifest their privilege right to rule to their peers and subjects. These claims to rule of the elites, their ideological justification and legitimacy in the eyes of others, were the crucial problem in face-to-face societies inhabiting medieval Europe deprived of formal institutions and lasting state structures. What symbolic means did these elites manifest their entitlement to rule? How did they compete with other members of the elite? How did they assure their dominance over time?

Chronologically, this project focuses on the period 1000-1300, that is, the era between both Poland and Norway formally became Christian polities and the moment both were united as stable monarchies after long periods of civil wars and partitions. Thematically, the project comparatively investigates e.g. dynastic ideologies, cults and veneration of national saints, ruler ideologies, elite graves and symbolic expressions on coins, legitimation of episcopal and abbatial power, ceremonies of coronation and rituals of conviviality, narrations about the past etc.

The project is based on a close cooperation between the Polish and Norwegian medievalists from the University of Warsaw and the University of Oslo. The team consists of historians, archeologists, and numismatists coordinated by researchers with good experience of working on the two peripheral regions.

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