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)

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?
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 Verkholantsev (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)


**20:00 Evening reception**

**Friday, 1 April**

**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**
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
11:25–11:45 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 - Steći (13th–15th century)

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 Możejko (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 Benjámin 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)
15:15–15:40 Witold Brzeziński (Bydgoszcz): A Married Woman’s Subjection to Her Male Relatives as a Part of the Social Order
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 (Reşiţa): Between Law and Custom: Legal Norms and Practice in the Romanian Communities from Medieval and Early Modern Banat
Livia Magina (Reşiţa): Contra fures et malefactores: Theft in Documents of Medieval Transylvania Counties Courts

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

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:
Landscapes of Royal Power in Medieval Central Europe

10:15–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–12:25 Session 15: Cities and minorities
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
16:15–16:30 Closing and vision