

# VISCOM SESSIONS

*at the*  
INTERNATIONAL  
MEDIEVAL  
CONGRESS

**Wednesday 5 July 2017**

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**Strategies of Othering in  
Medieval Eurasia 1**

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Medieval Eurasia 2**

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**Living on the Edge:**  
Authority and Otherness in a  
Comparative Perspective

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**Framing the Other:**  
Social Practices of Urban & Rural  
Communities in Late Medieval  
Europe and South Arabia,  
1200-1500

Leeds 2017



Session 1014

Visions of Community I

**STRATEGIES OF OTHERING IN MEDIEVAL EURASIA 1**

**Cinzia GRIFONI** • Institut für Geschichte, Universität Wien

**Groups and Ethnic Nomenclature:** *The Concept of Populus Gentium in the Early Medieval Latin West, c. 400-1200*

**Salvatore LICCARDO** • Institut für Mittelalterforschung, ÖAW, Wien

**Staging and Cataloguing the Other:** *Late Antique Lists of Ethnonyms*

**Odile KOMMER** • Institut für Sozialanthropologie, ÖAW, Wien

**Otherring by Name:** *Ethnonyms in 10<sup>th</sup>-Century Yemeni Sources*

**Moderator: Walter POHL**

Institut für Mittelalterforschung, ÖAW  
Institut für Geschichte, Universität Wien

**Organiser:** Reinier J. LANGELAAR

**Abstract:** Strategies of Othering in Medieval Eurasia - In these sessions, Eurasian regional specialists affiliated with the comparative project "Visions of Community" (Austrian Academy of Sciences & the University of Vienna) will zoom in on specific instances from European, Yemeni, and Tibetan written sources to see in which way the cultural, physical, or social other is represented, classified, and otherwise used as foil. Brought together, topics such as ethnic cataloging in a post-Roman kingdom, the discussion of African ancestry in medieval Yemeni sources, and tales of foreign origins in Tibetan genealogies will serve to create an interregional forum to better appreciate culturally specific representations of alterity.

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Visions of Community II

**STRATEGIES OF OTHERING IN MEDIEVAL EURASIA 2**

**Patrick MARSCHNER** • Institut für Mittelalterforschung, ÖAW, Wien

**The Familiar Stranger:** *Biblical Perception and Depiction of Muslims in Christian Chronicles of the Iberian Peninsula, c. 900*

**Magdalena MOORTHY-KLOSS** • Institut für Sozialanthropologie, ÖAW, Wien

**African Ancestry as a Fragile Marker of 'Otherness' in Medieval Yemen**

**Reinier J. LANGELAAR** • Institut für Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens, ÖAW, Wien

**Tales of Foreign Descent in Tibetan Ruling House Genealogies**

**Moderator: Ian N. WOOD**

School of History, University of Leeds

**Organiser:** Reinier J. LANGELAAR

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Visions of Community III

**LIVING ON THE EDGE:**

**Authority and Otherness in a Comparative Perspective**

**Katharina GAHLER** • Abteilung für Mittelalterliche Geschichte, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

**The Infidel Saracen:** *The Construction of Self and Other in the Vita of John of Gorze*

**Kelly GIBSON** • Department of History, University of Dallas, Texas

**Rulership in 9<sup>th</sup>-Century Breton Hagiography**

**Daniel MAHONEY** • Institut für Sozialanthropologie, ÖAW, Wien

**Deconstructing the Rasulid Court**

**Moderator: Rutger KRAMER**

Institut für Geschichte, Universität Wien

**Organiser:** Rutger KRAMER

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**Abstract:** This session casts a comparative light on strategies of othering and representations of power in three different biographical sources. Gahler will present the 10<sup>th</sup>-century Life of John of Gorze, analysing the use of ethnic identifiers in order to gauge the *causae scribendi* behind the text. Gibson will then look at the way depictions of rulership in early medieval Breton hagiography provide an insight into local ideas about authority. Finally, Mahoney will present the entourage around the Rasulid dynasty in the contested region of South Arabia by examining courtiers' life stories in the biographical collections of al-Janadi and al-Khazraji.

Session 1314

Visions of Community IV

**FRAMING THE OTHER:** **Social Practices of Urban & Rural Communities in Late Medieval Europe and South Arabia, 1200-1500**

**Judit MAJOROSSY** • Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, Universität Wien

**Insiders or Outsiders?:** *People in Power in Borderland Towns – 15<sup>th</sup>-Century Central Europe*

**Fabian KÜMMELER** • Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte, Universität Wien

**The 'Others' from Within:** *Herds-men between Rural and Urban Communities and Venetian Governance on Korčula in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Anu MÄND** • Institute of History, Archaeology & Art History, Tallinn University

**The 'Non-Germans' in the Craft Guilds of Livonian Towns:** *Norm and Practice*

**Johann HEISS** • Institut für Sozialanthropologie, ÖAW, Wien

**Saints of the Others:** *Socio-Cultural and Spiritual Aspects of Otherness in Medieval Yemen*

**Moderator: Emilia JAMROZIAK**

Institute for Medieval Studies, University of Leeds

**Organisers:** Károly GODA, Fabian KÜMMELER

Wednesday 5 July 2017 • 16:30-18:00

**Abstract:** This panel considers the kaleidoscopic variety of both social practices of othering and conceptions of otherness by focussing on the socio-cultural diversity of urban and rural settlements serving as economic and political centres. Thus, this panel takes a comparative perspective on framing the 'other' through social practice as well as cultural, normative and economic patterns. The four papers examine cases of building, framing and enacting community both in urban and rural areas in Northern, Central and South-Eastern Europe as well as South Arabia. Adopting an interdisciplinary focus, all of them ask how these communities perceived themselves and interacted with internal or external 'others', paying special attention to the management of communal infrastructure, charity or property.

Sessions with papers by  
VISCOM project investigators

Session 313 – Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.04

Monday 3 July 2017 • 16:30-18:00

Death and Devotion: *The Construction of Sanctity at the Shrine of St Felix in Nola*

**Veronika WIESER**

History, Biography and Holiness in Carolingian World Chronicles

**Graeme WARD**

A Reformed Saint? *The Life of Rónán of Dromiskin in Its 12<sup>th</sup>-Century Context*

**Diarmuid Ó RIAIN**

Session 538 - Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.33

Tuesday 4 July 2017 • 9:00-10:30

...And There Was Much Re-joining: *Bearing Good News to the Carolingian Court*

**Rutger KRAMER**

Session 638 – Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.33

Tuesday 4 July 2017 • 11:15-12:45

Crass Insults: *Ad hominem Attacks between Marginal Trolling and Rhetorical Conventions*

**Irene VAN RENSWOUDE**

Session 1030 - Leeds University Union:  
Room 2 – Elland Road

Wednesday 5 July 2017: 09:00-10:30

Enclosure Re-Opened: *Gender and Sacred Space in Early Medieval Monasticism*

**Albrecht DIEM**

Session 1125 – Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.05

Wednesday 5 July 2017 • 11:15-12:45

Merely Praising the Mighty? *Solemn Entries in Late Medieval Buda and Vienna*

**Károly GODA**

Session 1225 – Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.05

Wednesday 5 July 2017 • 14:15-15:45

A Marginal Existence? *Visual Construction of Foes in Late Medieval Central Europe*

**Kateřina HORNÍČKOVÁ**

Session 1237 – Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room G.02

Wednesday 5 July 2017 • 14:15-15:45

Carolingian Italy from a Post-Carolingian Perspective: *The Case of the Chronicon Salernitanum*

**Walter POHL**

Session 1633 – Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.33

Thursday 6 July 2017 • 11:15-12:45

Biblical Norms and Exegetical Knowledge in the Work of Theodulf of Orléans

**Gerda HEYDEMANN**

Session 1616 – Stage@leeds: Stage 1

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The Construction of Allegiance and Exclusion in Erchempert's *Historiola*

**Sophie GRUBER**

Session 1637 – Parkinson Building: Nathan Bodington Chamber

Thursday 6 July 2017 • 11:15-12:45

From the Outside Looking In: *Rather of Verona's Notions of Community between Past and Present*

**Jelle WASSENAAR**

Sessions organized by members of the  
VISCOM team

Session 313: Maurice Keyworth Building:  
Room 1.04

Monday 3 July, 16:30-18:00,

The Transmission of Holiness: *Saints, Texts, and Communities*  
Organisers: **Graeme WARD & Veronika WIESER**

Session 538 & 638 – Maurice  
Keyworth Building: Room 1.33

Tuesday 4 July 2017 • 9:00-10:30

The Rhetoric of Emotions and the Politics of Debate in the Carolingian World I: *Mixed Emotions*

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The Rhetoric of Emotions and the Politics of Debate in the Carolingian World II: *Once More, With Feeling*

Organisers: **Rutger KRAMER & Irene VAN RENSWOUDE**

Sessions 539 & 639 - Stage@leeds:  
Stage 2

Tuesday 4 July 2017 • 9:00-10:30

Medieval Prosopography I: *Women in Late Medieval Europe*

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Medieval Prosopography II: *Online Databases and Prosopographical Research*

Organiser: **Jonathan LYON**

Session 833 - Emmanuel Centre: Wilson Room

Tuesday 4 July 2017, 16:30-18:00

Confession in the Middle Ages II: *After the Fourth Lateran Council, 1215*

Organiser: **Albrecht DIEM**

Sessions 1125 & 1225 - Maurice Keyworth  
Building: Room 1.05

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Unity in Diversity: *Performing Otherness in Medieval Central European Festive Entries*

Wednesday 5 July 2017, 14:15-15:45

Making a Difference: *Representations of Communities in Late Medieval Central Europe*

Organisers: **Károly GODA & Kateřina HORNÍČKOVÁ**

Sessions 1533, 1633 & 1733 – Maurice  
Keyworth Building: Room 1.33

Thursday 6 July 2017, 9:00-10:30

Exegesis and Its Carolingian Contexts I: *Monks, Priests, and Emperors in the Carolingian Renovatio*

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Exegesis and Its Carolingian Contexts II: *The Bible and Legal Thought*

Thursday 6 July 2017, 14:15-15:45

Exegesis and Its Carolingian Contexts III: *Heresy and Inquisition through the Ages*

Organiser: **Gerda HEYDEMANN**