

CALL FOR PAPERS

Loyalty Oaths in the Roman, Byzantine and Early Islamicate Legal Spheres (LORILS)



“I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR”: OATHS IN LONG LATE ANTIQUITY

International Conference, 21–22 October 2024
University of Hamburg & Online via Zoom

THEMES

Oaths, covenants, pacts, agreements
& loyalty in political & legal culture

APPROACHES

Legal History, Social & Cultural
History, Language & Literature.

SCOPE

Roman Empire, Sasanian Empire,
Byzantium, Islam, Judaism, Eastern
Christianity, Latin Europe.

FORMAT

20-minute papers plus Q&A.
Language: English.

COSTS

Hamburg & Groningen staff: free.
Third-party affiliates to meet own
expenses if participating in person.
Online participation: free to all.
Email organisers for further details.

REQUIREMENTS

Abstract (200 words) plus
biography (100 words), emailed to
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April 2024**. Applicants informed of
decision by Friday 10 May 2024.



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Image: Byzantine army takes oath
before the battle of Anchialus
against the Bulgarians [917]. From
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