

VENUE

Akademischer Senatssaal
University of Hamburg
Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1
20146 Hamburg, Germany
And online via Zoom

FORMAT

20-minute papers
2-paper panels
20-minute joint Q&A

REGISTRATION/CONTACT

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October 2024, specifying in-person or
online attendance.

COSTS

Online attendance free for all. Costs
met for affiliates of universities of
Hamburg and Groningen. Unaffiliated
attendees to meet own travel,
accommodation and dinner expenses.

Conference convened as part of the project
Loyalty Oaths in the Roman, Byzantine and Early
Islamic Legal Spheres (LORILS, 2023-24)



LORILS is a collaboration between:

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Image: Byzantine army takes oath before the battle of
Anchialus against the Bulgarians [917]. From Madrid
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"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR" OATHS IN LONG LATE ANTIQUITY

International Conference
21-22 October 2024
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Conference
Programme

DAY I (21.10.24)

09:30–10:15: REGISTRATION

10:15–10:30: WELCOME

Alasdair Grant (University of Hamburg)

10:30–11:30: PANEL 1, ASSURANCE

Chair: Alejandro Peláez Martín (University of Konstanz)

1. Michael Wuk (University of Lincoln/Free University Berlin), 'The *Rex* and I: Anastasius, Athalric, and Reciprocal Accession Oaths'
2. Social Contexts of Rebellion Team (University of Hamburg), 'Safe Conduct and Loyalty Oath in Early Islamicate Contexts'

11:30–12:00: BREAK

12:00–13:00: PANEL 2, POLITICS [1]

Chair: Marios Tantalos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

1. Janko Paunović (University of Vienna), 'Legal Regulations of Oath (Loyalty) According to the Statute of Kotor'
2. Daphne Penna (University of Groningen), 'Loyalty Oaths of the Italians to the Byzantine Emperors (10th–12th Centuries)'

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13:00–14:30: LUNCH

14:30–15:30: PANEL 3, LANGUAGE

Chair: Alon Dar (University of Hamburg)

1. Mona Sawy (Assiut University) and So Miyagawa (University of Tsukuba), 'Oath in Coptic Texts'
2. Charles Pazdernik (Grand Valley State University), '*Gnêsia Douleia*: The Master-Slave Metaphor in a Justinianic Loyalty Oath'

18:30: CONFERENCE DINNER

DAY 2 (22.10.24)

10:00–10:30: REGISTRATION

10:30–11:30: PANEL 4, MATERIALITY

Chair: Damián Fernández (Northern Illinois University)

1. Joaquín Serrano del Pozo (University of Tübingen), 'The Relic of the True Cross and the Oath of the Byzantine Army in AD 917'
2. Olivia Peukert Stock (Lund University), 'By Torches, Bones, and Temples: Material Metonyms in Personal Oaths in Latin Literature'

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11:30–12:00 BREAK

12:00–13:00: PANEL 5, POLITICS [2]

Chair: Natalie Kontny-Wendt (University of Hamburg)

1. David Durand-Guedy (University of Hamburg), 'Queen Tamar of Georgia's Oath to Saladin Following the Reconquest of Jerusalem (1187)'
2. Artemy Streletsky (American University of Central Asia) (online), '"Be Cursed by God and by Perun": Sanctio Oath Formulas and the Byzantine Legal Tradition'

13:00–14:30: LUNCH

14:30–15:30: PANEL 6, COMMUNITY

Chair: Hannah-Lena Hagemann (University of Hamburg)

1. Alejandro Peláez Martín (University of Konstanz), 'Christians Swearing Allegiance to the Caliph: The *Bay'a* as a Communicative Practice in Christian-Muslim Diplomatic Relations'
2. Damián Fernández (Northern Illinois University), 'The Visigothic Oath of Loyalty and the Making of Political Boundaries'

15:30–15:45 CLOSING REMARKS

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