



# **SSCLE - SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE CRUSADES AND THE LATIN EAST**

## **11TH QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE CROSSING SEAS, CROSSING CULTURES**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES - UNIVERSITY OF PORTO  
Porto, 29.06.2026-03.07.2026**

### **PROGRAMME**

**Porto, 26.03.2026**

**11<sup>th</sup> SSCLE CONFERENCE Porto 2026**  
**Crossing Seas, Crossing Cultures**

**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Registration** [all day]

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**08.30-09.00**

**Welcome Session**

Paula Pinto Costa – Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto  
[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

**09.00-10.00**

**Plenary Session**

**Paula Pinto Costa (University of Porto) – Portugal between Politics and Religion: Alternatives to the Medieval Crusade**

[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

Chair: **Julia Pavón Benito** (University of Navarra)

**10.30-11.00**

**Coffee break**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**11.00-12.30**

**Parallel sessions I**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**I.1**

**Latin Settlements**

**Frankish Settlement in the East (I): Places of Memory and the Landscape of the Latin Kingdom During and After the Crusader Period**

Sponsor: The Haifa Forum for Frankish Settlement in the Latin East (HFFE)

Organisers: Gil Fishhof (University of Haifa), Rabei Khamisy (University of Haifa), Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa), and Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Simon John** (Swansea University) - '*Est locus iste sacer*': lieux de mémoire of the First Crusade in the twelfth-century Latin East

**Iris Shagrir** (The Open University of Israel) - Nuancing Narratives of Destruction: Rethinking Post-crusader Jaffa

**Reuven Amitai** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) - Urban and rural prosperity in Southwestern Palestine after the end of Frankish rule

**Chair:** Maya Shatzmiller (University of Western Ontario)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**I.2**

**Warfare and Castles**

**José Ricardo Sánchez Rodríguez** (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) - "A commander, a commander, my kingdom for a commander!". Şalāḥ ad-Dīn and the use of Christian prisoners in the campaign of 1187-1189

**Dušan Zupka** (Comenius University in Bratislava) - Failure Remembered, Failures Avoided? The Changing Conduct of Crusader Armies in Hungary between the First and Third Crusades (1096–1189)

**Thomas Brosset** (University of Lorraine) - Between the exceptional frequency and the striking normality of Edessa's sieges (1098-1185): uncovering the norms of siege warfare in the Jazīra and Syria during the twelfth century

**Chair:** Kelly de Vries (Loyola University)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] 1.3**

**Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe**

**Hungary's Crusading Transformations, 1095–1455: From Frontier to Defensor**

Organiser: Attila Bárány (University of Debrecen)

**Sándor Ónadi** (University of Debrecen) - Crusade against Hungary? Hungarians in the Sources of the First Crusade (1095–1099)

**Attila Bárány** (University of Debrecen) - Hungary and the Crusade in the early 14th-c. Hungary

**Zoltán Véber** (University of Debrecen) - The "Offer of Mehmed" (1455): Hungarian Diplomacy and the Rhetoric of Ottoman Peace

**Chair:** Yanina Ryier (Ignatianum University, Cracow)

**Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] 1.4**

**Digital Humanities**

**Digital Humanities and the Study of the Crusades (I): The Use of Technology for the Study of the Crusades and Its Heritage**

Organisers: Myra M. Bom (Royal Holloway University of London) and Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Laura Morreale** (Harvard University, Affiliated) - Crusaders and Computers: from Texts to Database to Popular Receptions

**Hee Sook Lee-Niinioja** (Independent Scholar) - Collective Crusading Memory in Hybrid (Physical+Digital) Spaces: The Templar Heritage Routes through Lefebvre's Spatial Triad

**Anthony Harris** (University of Cambridge) - No Need to Get Cross: Effective Crusades Research Using Generative Artificial Intelligence

**Chair:** Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] 1.5**

**Islam and the Crusades**

**Nour Saber** (University of Vienna) - Poetry, War, and Sovereignty: Almohad Political Discourse in Ibn Šāḥib aṣ-Šalāḥ's al-Mann bi-l-imāma

**Lutz Richter-Bernburg** (University of Tübingen) - 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>-century Muslim authors on Palestinian sacred sites

**Mohamed Fawzy Raheel** (Matrouh University) - The Raid of al-Buḡay'a (558 AH / 1163 CE). A Model of Nūr al-Dīn's Management of Military Crises

**Chair:** Jonathan Phillips (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] 1.6**

**Iberia**

**Glauber Wisniewski** (Saint Louis University) - Jewish Participation in the Templar Occupation of Lleida: Economy and Society on the Aragonese Frontier (12th century)

**João Pedro Alves** (NOVA University of Lisbon) - Entre o Siso e a Cavalaria: The Order of Saint James and the Portuguese overseas expansion under Infante D. João's rule (1418-1442)

**Ada Maria Kuskowski** (University of Pennsylvania) - Navigating Uncertainty: A Pleader's Guide to Law in Jerusalem and Cyprus

**Chair:** Joana Lencart (University of Porto)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] 1.7**

**The Memory of the Crusades**

**Engaging the Crusades. The Memory and Legacy of Crusading (I): Crusading Today**

Organiser: Mike Horswell (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Peter Konieczny** (medievalists.net) - Talking about the Crusades in Podcasting

**Daniel Wollenberg** (University of Tampa) - "An Unhinged Crusade": American Crusaders?

**Kristin Skottki** (University of Bayreuth) - The Crusades and White Supremacy

**Chair:** Mike Horswell (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor] 1.8**

**Military Orders**

**Statutes, Usances and Esquarts of the Military-Religious Orders (I): Overview and Contexts**

Organisers: Karl Borchardt (University of Würzburg) and Helen J. Nicholson (Cardiff University)

**Kristjan Toomaspoeg** (Università del Salento) - The Normatives of the Military Orders: A Large-Scale Comparison

**Karl Borchardt** (University of Würzburg) - Normative Texts of the Templars in Context

**Jarostaw Wenta** (Nikolaus Kopernik University of Toruń) - The Statutes of the Teutonic Order Revisited

**Chair:** Helen J. Nicholson (Cardiff University)

**12.30-13.30**

**Lunch**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

13.30-15.00

**Parallel sessions II**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**II.1**

**Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe**

**Crusades in the North and South (I): Cultural Relations between Scandinavia and Europe during the First Crusades**

Organisers: Francesco D'Angelo (Sapienza Università di Roma) and Kurt Villads Jensen (Stockholm University)

**Francesco D'Angelo** (Sapienza Università di Roma) - Between Two Worlds. Norse Mythology and Crusading Ideology in Twelfth-Century Skaldic Poems

**Pål Berg Svenungsen** (Western Norway University) - Norway and the Mediterranean crusades in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries

**Jakub Morawiec** (University of Silesia, Katowice) - Aspects of crusading ideology in poetry of Rögnvaldr Kali Kolsson, jarl of Orkney

**Chair:** Kurt Villads Jensen (Stockholm University)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**II.2**

**Sources**

**Vernacular in the Crusading Near East (I): Culture and Literature**

**Laura Morreale** (Harvard University, Affiliated) '*Metre en frances. si come est dite*,': The French of Outremer as Near and Far

**Laura Minervini** (University of Naples 'Federico II'), **Kasser Helou** (Université de Bourgogne-Europé) and **Massimiliano Gaggero** (University of Turin) - Toward a New Edition of the *Assise des Bourgeois*: A State of the Art

**Marcel Elias** (Yale University) - Transcultural Effects of the Muslim "Moral Rearmament"

**Chair:** Uri Zvi Shachar (Tel Aviv University)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**II.3**

**Latin Settlements**

**Frankish Settlement in the East (II): Nature, Environment and Land Use in the Latin East**

Sponsor: The Haifa Forum for Frankish Settlement in the Latin East (HFFE)

Organisers: Gil Fishhof (University of Haifa), Rabei Khamisy (University of Haifa), Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa), and Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Edna J. Stern** (Israel Antiquities Authority and the University of Haifa),

**Matthew J. Adams** (The Center for the Mediterranean World), and **Yotam Tepper** (Israel Antiquities Authority and the University of Haifa) - Frankish Rural Settlement and Cultural Interaction at Le Lyon (Lajjun): Insights from a Crusader-Period Midden

**Letizia Curreri** (Technische Universität Darmstadt) - Crossing Waters, Bridging Cultures: Rivers, Muslim Heritage, and Latin Governance in Sicily and the Latin East (Thirteenth Century)

**Mark Nicovich** (William Carey University) - Endemic Malaria and Frankish Settlement: GIS Modelling of the Disease Landscape of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Chair:** Rabei Khamisy (University of Haifa)

**Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] II.4**

**Relics, Holy Land and Material Culture**

**The Holy Land Moves West (I): Material Cultures**

Organiser: Andrew Jotischky (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Andrew Jotischky** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Gifts from the East: Albert of Vercelli's Vestments

**William Purkis** (University of Birmingham) - Accessioning the Sacred: Holy Land Relics in the Museum of the Order of St John

**Maria Carriere** (Fordham University) - Women in Arms: Alix of Brittany and the Patronage of the *Histoire Universelle*

**Chair:** Nicholas Paul (Fordham University)

**Classroom 203 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) II.5**

**Military Orders**

**Statutes, Usances and Esgarts of the Military-Religious Orders (II): the Iberian Peninsula**

Organisers: Karl Borchardt (University of Würzburg) and Helen Nicholson (Cardiff University)

**Luís Filipe Oliveira** (Universidade do Algarve / Instituto de Estudos Medievais-FCSH-NOVA) - The *Definições* of the Order of Calatrava from the late thirteenth century

**Maria Bonet Donato** (Universitat Rovira i Virgili) - 'Regulations of Hospitaller Women in the Crown of Aragon: Oversight and Gender Imperatives (12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> centuries)

**Clara Almagro Vidal** (UNED, Spain) and **Gonzalo Felix Carrasco García** (UNED, Spain) - 'Muslims in the Statutes and Norms of the Military Orders in Medieval Iberia'

**Chair:** Helen J. Nicholson (Cardiff University)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] II.6**

**Women and the Crusades**

**Medieval Women in the Histories and Material Culture of Crusades and Settlement (I): Exploring women's experiences through cultural and emotional performance contexts**

Sponsor: Teaching Medieval Women (teachingmedievalwomen.org)

Organiser: Natasha Hodgson (Nottingham Trent University)

**Kate Arnold** (Nottingham Trent University) - In search of the singing girls: 'She is worthy of attention in and of herself, beyond her role in the abundant anecdotes about him'

**Şerban Marin** (National Archives of Romania) - "Tears in Venice". The Place of the Venetian Women in the Crusading Ritual

**Uri Jacob** (Bar-Ilan University) - Inscribing Music across Faiths: Evidence from the Crusader States

**Chair:** Patrick Meehan (Aarhus University)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] II.7**

**Islam and the Crusades**

**Amirmahdi Bagheri** (University of Copenhagen) - Local Jesus, Foreign Christians: Ibn 'Asākir's Messianic 'Isa and Interreligious Politics in Zangid Damascus

**Maher Y. Abu-Munshar** (Qatar University) - Beyond Blood and Sword: Did the Crusaders and Muslims Coexist and Cooperate?

**Youshaa Patel** (Lafayette College) - How Muslims in the Latin East Visually Distinguished Themselves from the Franks

**Chair:** Lutz Richter-Bernburg (University of Tübingen)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor] II.8**

**Iberia**

**The Politics of Crusade in Medieval Iberia**

Organiser: Miguel Gomez (University of Dayton)

**Miguel Gomez** (University of Dayton) - The *ultramontano* experience, or how entangled was the Las Navas campaign with the Albigensian Crusade?

**María Inocencia Perea Moreno** (University of Málaga) - The Crusade Bull and the Financing of the Monarchy in Late Medieval Castile

**Anthony Minnema** (Samford University) - Division and Domestication: Royal Power, the Order of Santiago, and the Algarve Questions

**Chair:** Damian Smith (Saint Louis University)

**15.00-15.30**

**Coffee break**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**15.30-17.00**

**Parallel sessions III**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor] III.1**

**The Barons' Crusade, the Tunis Crusade, and the 'Mediterranean Paradox': Commemorating Michael Lower (1971-2025) (I)**

Organiser: Jessalynn Bird (Saint Mary's College, USA)

**Jessalynn Bird** (Saint Mary's College, USA) - Partners in Crusading: Mahaut de Courtenay, Her Husbands and Her Heirs

**Ann E. Zimo** (University of New Hampshire) - Friendship Across Faiths in the Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Jesse W. Izzo** (Columbia University) - Mediterraneanizing the Fall of Acre

**Chair:** Caroline Paul (Fordham University)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] III.2**

**Military Orders**

**Military Orders and Minorities in the Medieval Mediterranean: Conflict, Coexistence, and Interchange (12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

Organiser: Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa)

**Judith Bronstein** (University of Haifa) - Minorities and the Military Orders in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem, XII-XIII Centuries

**Julia Pavón Benito** (University of Navarra) - The Jewish community and its relations with the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem in the medieval Navarrese priory

**Joana Lencart** (University of Porto) - Conflict and Coexistence: The Order of Christ and Minorities from the 14th to the 16th Century

**Chair:** Jonathan Phillips (Royal Holloway University of London)

### **Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**III.3**

#### **Twelfth-Century Latin East**

#### **Ruptures and Continuities in the Culture of the Latin Kingdom: Political Structures and Landscape**

Organiser: Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Jay Rubenstein** (University of Southern California) - The Age of Melisende: Crises in the Kingdom

**Jonathan Rubin** (Bar-Ilan University) - Interpreting the Holy Land: False Etymologies of Toponyms as a Source for the Cultural History of the Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Anna Gutgarts** (University of Haifa) - The Ghost Landscape in the Topographical Language of the Latin East

**Chair:** James Naus (Oakland University)

### **Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**III.4**

#### **The Memory of the Crusades**

#### **Engaging the Crusades. The Memory and Legacy of Crusading (II): Historiography**

Organiser: Mike Horswell (Royal Holloway University of London)

**James Wilson** (University of Groningen) - Travelling Memories of the Crusades: Translations

**Luigi Russo** (European University of Rome) - The Norman Principality of Antioch (1098-1130): An Ill-Served History?

**Lezlie Knox** (Marquette University) - Ralph Bailey Yewdale and Bohemond of Taranto: Studying the Crusades in WWI America

**Chair:** Christoph T. Maier (University of Zurich)

### **Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**III.5**

#### **Frankish Settlement in the East (III): Between East and West. Cultural Exchange and the Shaping of Frankish Society**

Sponsor: The Haifa Forum for Frankish Settlement in the Latin East (HFFE)

Organisers: Gil Fishhof (University of Haifa), Rabei Khamisy (University of Haifa), Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa), and Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Susan B. Edgington** (Queen Mary University of London) - Fulcher of Chartres, the first historian of the Latin East: another witness to the 1106 version of his *Historia Iherosolimitana*

**Yvonne Friedman** (Bar-Ilan University) - Peace weavers? Women's Roles in Cross-cultural Encounters in the Latin East

**Michalis Olympios** (University of Cyprus) - Second Time's the Charm? Another Look at Nicosia's Lost Templar Church

**Chair:** Gil Fishhof (University of Haifa)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****III.6****Heritage, Knowledge and Shared Cultures**

**Eleanor Ashton-Cobb** (Durham University) - The Symbolic Significance of Templar Round Churches in Their British Landscape Contexts

**Christer Carlsson** (Independent Archaeology Consultants) - Temple Farm: The Knights Templar Preceptory of Aslackby

**Oleg Sokolov** (St. Petersburg State University) - The Stones Remind: Key Patterns of the Crusades' Legacy in the Architectural landscape of the Medieval Levant and Egypt

**Patricia McCall** (University of Oregon) - Crusading in Clermont: The Vision of the First Crusade in Clermont-Ferrand Cathedral

**Chair:** Ronan O'Reilly (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****III.7****Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe****Crusades in the North and South (II) Anatomy of the Nordic Crusades**

Organisers: Francesco D'Angelo (Sapienza Università di Roma) and Kurt Villads Jensen (Stockholm University)

**Kurt Villads Jensen** (Stockholm University) - Mental phases of crusading in the Baltic, c. 1100–1300

**Torben Kjersgaard Nielsen** (Aarhus University) - Indigenous defence measures and crusader violence in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> century Baltic

**Wilhelm Ljungar** (Stockholm University) - The testament of King Olof Skötkonung: The struggle over Hospitaller taxation privileges in late medieval Sweden

**Chair:** Francesco D'Angelo (Sapienza Università di Roma)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor]****III.8****Latin Settlements****Castles in the Latin Kingdom: Defence, Administration and Faith**

Organiser: Rabei G. Khamisy (University of Haifa)

**Micaela Sinibaldi** (University of Warsaw) - The Karak Castle and Town Documentation Project

**Sara Lantos** (University of Haifa) and **Rabei Khamisy** (University of Haifa) - Templars on the Road

**Vardit Ruth Shotten** (University of Haifa) - The Key in the Stone: Unlocking the Secrets of Medieval Construction

**Elif Ünal** (Istanbul University) - Logistics, Supply, and Intelligence in the Egypt-Jerusalem Conflicts: Strategic Towns, Castles, and Corridors in Southern Palestine (1099-1187)

**Chair:** Benjamin Z. Kedar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**17.30-19.30****Welcome Drinks / Port of Honour**[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**TUESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**09.00-10.00**

**Plenary Session**

**Aleks Pluskowski (University of Reading) - Shifting Frontiers: The Impact of Crusading and Conquest on the Cultural Landscapes of Iberia and Occitania**

[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

Chair: Kurt Villads Jensen (Stockholm University)

**10.30-11.00**

**Coffee break**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**11.00-12.30**

**Parallel sessions IV**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**IV.1**

**The Barons' Crusade, the Tunis Crusade, and the 'Mediterranean Paradox': Commemorating Michael Lower (1971-2025) (II)**

Organiser: Jessalynn Bird (Saint Mary's College, USA)

**Sophia Menache** (University of Haifa) - Holy War, Divine Sanction, and Military Adversity: The Theological Challenge of the Crusades

**Lucas Villegas-Aristizabal** (Queen's University) - Examining Perspectives on Crusading in Iberia during the Second, Third and Fifth Crusades

**Stephan Knott** (University of Minnesota) - The Disappearance of a Metropolis: Constantinople and Its People after 1204

**Chair:** Jessalynn Bird (Saint Mary's College, USA)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**IV.2**

**Iberia**

**Financing the Crown and Waging War against the Enemies of the Faith: Crusade and Taxation in the Late Medieval Iberian World**

Organiser: Pablo Ortego Rico (University of Malaga)

**Mário Farelo** (University of Minho) - Subsidising the crusade in fifteenth-century Portugal

**Pablo Ortego Rico** (University of Malaga) and **María Inocencia Perea Moreno** (University of Malaga) - Between the crown and the church: the jurisdiction of the crusade bull in Castile (1482-1520)

**Ángel Galán Sánchez** (University of Malaga) and **Rafael Gerardo Peinado Santaella** (University of Granada) - An unending crusade: the conquest of the kingdom of Granada

**Chair:** Miguel Gomez (University of Dayton)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**IV.3**

**Liturgy, Music and Art**

**Liturgy, Music, and Religious Imagery: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Bohemia**

Organisers: Iris Shagrir (Open University of Israel) and Wolf Zöllner (Saarland University)

**David Catalunya** (Complutense Institute of Musical Sciences) - The Organ of Bethlehem: Recovering Sounds from Crusader Liturgy

**Wolf Zöller** (Saarland University) and **Iris Shagrir** (Open University of Israel)  
- Latin Jerusalem's Episcopal Liturgy and Bohemian Church Reform in the Twelfth Century

**Neta Haggai Aranyi** (University of Haifa) - Reflecting in Scripture and Stone: The Augustinian Canons and the South Façade of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

**Chair:** Benjamin Kedar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

#### **Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**IV.4**

##### **Archaeology in the Crusader Levant**

**Gil Fishhof** (University of Haifa) and **Rabei G. Khamisy** (University of Haifa)  
- An Archaeological and Art Historical Analysis of a Rare Medallion from Mi'ilyā: German Presence and Eastern Christians in a Frankish Administrative Center in the Galilee

**Uri Berger** (Israel Antiquities Authority) - Two X's Mark the Spot: A Baldwin III Silver Hoard from an Underground Complex in the Galilee

**Michael Ehrlich** (Bar-Ilan University) - On the Relationship between Frankish Fortresses and Battlefields

**Chair:** Jonathan Rubin (Bar-Ilan University)

#### **Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**IV.5**

##### **Warfare and Castles**

###### **Crusading Warfare**

Organiser: Daniel Franke (Richard Bland College)

**John D. Hosler** (Command and General Staff College) – Strategic Planning and the Later Crusades

**Michael Livingston** (The Citadel) - "Cultural Cannibalism" in the Third Crusade: Modern Misunderstandings of War

**Kelly DeVries** (Loyola University) - The Berserkers of Belgrade: Who Gets Credit for Conquering the Conqueror at Belgrade in 1456?

**Chair:** Helen J. Nicholson (Cardiff University)

#### **Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**IV.6**

##### **Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe**

###### **Conceptions of Others and the Self Within the Ideology of the Teutonic Order (I)**

Organiser: Patrick James Eickman (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Riccardo Giuliano** (University of Campania) - Arms, Faith, and Power in 14th-Century Sicily: The Teutonic Order and the Chiaromonte Family

**Patrick Eickman** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) - Vengeance for Heaven's Reward: The Teutonic Order's Chronicling of Anger as Virtuous

**Kazimierz Pospieszny** (Muzeum Miasteczko Poland) - "Sente" Marienburg as an Architectural Peak Following the Ideal Form of the Teutonic Order's Castle-Convents in Prussia during the Baltic Crusades

**Chair:** Gregory Leighton (Research Centre for Post-Teutonic Order Heritage at Malbork)

#### **Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**IV.7**

##### **Women and the Crusades**

###### **Medieval Women in the Histories and Material Culture of Crusades and Settlement (II): Negotiating Reputations and Confinement.**

Sponsor: Teaching Medieval Women (teachingmedievalwomen.org)

Organiser: Natasha Hodgson (Nottingham Trent University)

**Leticia Pala** (Nottingham Trent University) - Repudiation, Enclosure, Imprisonment: The Monastic Confinement of Arda of Armenia

**Tricia Jackson** (University of New England, Australia) - The two wives of Amalric I of Jerusalem: malignant or maligned women of power and influence in the twelfth-century Latin Kingdom

**Patrick Meehan** (Aarhus University) - Colonizers, Cultivators, and Captives: Reconsidering Women's Roles in the Teutonic Order's Settlement of Prussia, ca. 1250–1410

**Paraskevi Tassou** (University of Fribourg) – Constance of France (1078-1126). A Crusader's Widow and an Example of *materno more*.

**Chair:** Benedetta Mariani (University of East Anglia)

#### **Humanities Lab [Ground floor]**

**IV.8**

##### **Relics, Holy Land and Material Culture**

##### **Peace in a Time of Holy War: Nonviolence and Interreligious Cooperation in the Age of the Crusades**

Organiser: Glauber Wisniewski (Saint Louis University)

**David Olsen** (Saint Louis University) - The Almohad Economy during the Crusader Period and the Commercial Revolution

**Jan Vandeburie** (University of Cambridge) - Oil for Our Lady: Muslim Patronage and Cross-Confessional Cooperation at Shared Shrines in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Centuries

**Ahmed Sheir** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität) - In the Name of 'the Holy City': Jerusalem between Islamic Jihad and Frankish Crusading Propaganda, 1154–1192

**Chair:** William Purkis (University of Birmingham)

**12.30-13.30**

#### **Lunch**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**13.30-15.00**

#### **Parallel sessions V**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

#### **Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**V.1**

##### **Warfare and Castles**

##### **Frankish, Ayyubid, and Mamluk Castles: Recent Results from Projects in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan**

Organiser: Michael S. Fulton (Western Ontario University)

**Patricia Antaki** (University of Balamand Lebanon) - Deep Down the Moat: Historical and Archaeological Evidence of Frankish Moats in Lebanon and the Latin East

**Michael S. Fulton** (Western Ontario University) - The Development of Karak's Southern Defences

**Balázs Major** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University Hungary) - Results of the Archaeological Excavations in Crac des Chevaliers 2021-2024

**Chair:** Adrian J. Boas (University of Haifa)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] V.2**

**Women and the Crusades**

**Medieval Women in the Histories and Material Culture of Crusades and Settlement (III) Power, Politics and Reputation**

Sponsor: Teaching Medieval Women (teachingmedievalwomen.org)

Organiser: Natasha Hodgson (Nottingham Trent University)

**Natasha Hodgson** (Nottingham Trent University) - Women Managing War Finance and Strategy for the Crusades and the Crusader States

**Jennifer Pearce** (Nottingham Trent University) - 'In the Beginning, Women Married at Their Will and Pleasure': The *Assise de Mariage* and the Decline of Women's Marital Agency in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Diego Volpe** (University of Florence) *Sorores Templi*: Female Presence in the Monastic/Military Context of the Templars

**Chair:** Sini Kangas (Tampere University)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] V.3**

**Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe**

**Andrii Kepsha** (University of Hradec Kralove) - Framing the Rus'-Polovtsian Conflict as a Holy War: The Steppe Frontier, 1060s – early 1100s.

**Roman Ivashko** (Independent scholar) - Crusading Motives in the Emergence of the Latin Metropolitanate of Halyč

**Andrej Ondrejka** (Comenius University in Bratislava) - King, Duke, Knight, Crusader: Coloman of Galicia as a Representative of the Chivalric Culture of the Hungarian Kingdom in the First Half of the 13<sup>th</sup> Century

**Chair:** Svetlana Luchitskaya (Heinrich Heine University)

**Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] V.4**

**Liturgy, Music and Art**

**Federica Volpera** (Independent researcher) - The image of the Crusade Genoa in Thirteenth-century Manuscripts: Iconographic Aspects and Cultural Values

**Sini Kangas** (Tampere University) - Depictions of Military Violence in BnF Français 786

**Ioanna Christoforaki** (Academy of Athens) - Crowning the Passion: The Flagellation and Mocking of Christ in the Art of Hospitaller Rhodes

**Chair:** Ahmed Sheir (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität)

**Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] V.5**

**Archaeology in the Crusader Levant**

**Nina Koskanen** (University of Haifa), **Rabei G. Khamisy** (University of Haifa), and **Tzilla Eshel** (University of Haifa) - From Crusaders to Mamlūks: Shifts in Metal Crafts Based on Typology and Compositional Analysis of Metal Artefacts

**Nohar Shahar** (University of Haifa) - Cypriot Ceramics in the Second Latin Kingdom: Spatial Patterns in a Connected Cultural Sphere

**Chair:** Christer Carlsson (Independent Archaeology Consultants)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****V.6****Military Orders****The Military Religious Orders in Context: Between Integration and Autonomy (I)**

Organisers: Ronan O'Reilly (Royal Holloway University of London) and Lorenzo Mercuri (Sapienza Università di Roma, CNRS/Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

**Zsolt Hunyadi** (Independent Scholar) - The Counts of Dubica: Legal and Judicial Autonomy of the Templars and Hospitallers in the Medieval Kingdom of Hungary

**Leo Carter** (Royal Holloway University of London) - The Register of Edward Story, Bishop of Chichester, and Support for the Knights Hospitaller in the Aftermath of the Siege of Rhodes (1480)

**Simon Phillips** (University of Malta) - Between Integration and Autonomy: The Hospitallers in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries

**Darius Baronas** (Lithuanian Institute of History) - Sigismund of Luxembourg and Vytautas of Lithuania as reanimators of the Teutonic Order's crusading spirit (late 1390s and late 1420s)

**Chair:** Lorenzo Mercuri (Sapienza Università di Roma, CNRS/Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****V.7****Relics, Holy Land and Material Culture****The Holy Land Moves West [2]: Relics**

Organiser: Andrew Jotischky (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Anne E. Lester** (John Hopkins University) - Translation Tales: The Relics and Retellings of the Translation of the Head of Saint Clement at Cluny. New Evidence from a medieval manuscript

**Ana C. Nunez** (Stanford University) - Queen Isabella I and the Arm-Relic of St. Philip: An Example of Female Rule in the Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Nicholas Paul** (Fordham University) 'What a Cross is Worth: The Crusading Capital of John II of Alluyes and Its Inheritance

**Chair:** William Purkis (University of Birmingham)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor]****V.8****Heritage, Knowledge and Shared Cultures**

**Benedetta Mariani** (University of East Anglia) - Crossing cultures: translating Arab medical knowledge in medieval Europe

**Eva Saenz-Diez** (Catholic University of Louvain; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) - Beyond the Conflict: The Crusades and the Making of a Shared Mediterranean Heritage

**Ahmet Usta** (Istanbul 29 Mayis University) and **Özlem Çaykent** (Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University) - Shared Saints, Sacred Numbers: Rewriting Crusading Memory through Urban Devotion in Thirteenth-Century Sebasteia (Sivas)

**Chair:** Aleks Pluskowski (University of Reading)

**16.30-17.30****Porto Boat Trip**

Details will be sent to everyone who registered for this event

**18.15-19.15**

**Port Wine Cellars Visit**

Details will be sent to everyone who registered for this event

**19.45-21.45**

**Conference Dinner**

Details will be sent to everyone who registered for this event

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

**c. 07.45-20.00 (tba)**

**Day trip - Almourol and Tomar**

Details will be sent to everyone who registered for this event

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

**09.00-10.00**

**Plenary Session**

**Martín Alvira Cabrer (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) - A Crusade for a Battle: Las Navas de Tolosa (1212)**

[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

Chair: Paula Pinto Costa (University of Porto)

**10.30-11.00**

**Coffee break**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**11.00-12.30**

**Parallel sessions VI**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**VI.1**

**The Memory of the Crusades**

**Engaging the Crusades. The Memory and Legacy of Crusading (III): Beyond the Crusaders**

Organiser: Mike Horswell (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Muneeb Ahmed Siddiqui** (University of Bayreuth) - Indian Muslim Views on the Crusades – A Preliminary Exploration

**Adam Knobler** (Ruhr University) - The Dutch as Holy Warriors: The View from the Indies

**Zeynep Kocabiyıkoğlu Çeçen** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Reading and Remembering the Crusades in the Turkish Republic

**Chair:** James Wilson (University of Groningen)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VI.2**

**Early Modern Crusading**

**Echoes of Holy War: Memory and the Cultural Perception of the Crusades in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries.**

Sponsor: The Crusades Studies Forum, Saint Louis University.

Organiser: Thomas Morin (Saint Louis University)

**Simone Lombardo** (Heidelberg University) - The Cross of Jerusalem and the Invention of a Late Medieval Crusader Iconography (14th-15th Centuries)

**Filippo Vaccaro** (Sapienza Università di Roma) - From Port to Port: Crusading Afterlives and the Making of a Mediterranean Identity in Late Medieval Italy

**Thomas Morin** (Saint Louis University) - Patronage and Power: Genoa's Saints and the Politics of Mediterranean Identity, 1300–1500

**Chair:** C. Matthew Phillips (Concordia University Nebraska)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VI.3**

**Sources**

**Renata Adinolfi** (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa) - Sources for the history of the Crusades: the *Annales de Terre Sainte*

**Myra M. Bom** (Royal Holloway University of London) - The Manuscript(s) of Odo of Deuil's *De Profectione Ludovici VII in Orientem*

**Simon Chaplin** (Northeastern University, London) - 'To his honourable lord the famous Earl Robert': William of Malmesbury's account of the First Crusade as a mirror for princes

**Chair:** Massimiliano Gaggero (University of Turin)

#### **Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VI.4**

##### **Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe**

**Yanina Ryier** (Ignatianum University Cracow) - From Baptism to Betrayal: The Political Uses of Conversion and Apostasy in the Teutonic Order's Narratives of the Lithuanian Crusade

**Wawrzyniec Kowalski** (University of Wrocław) - Goths, heretics, pagans. The image of Slavs as heretics in the work of Thomas the Archdeacon of Split

**Maria Starnawska** (University of Siedlce) - The Knights Hospitaller in Silesia in the ecclesiastical structures in 14th and 15th centuries

**Chair:** Dušan Zupka (Comenius University in Bratislava)

#### **Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VI.5**

##### **Military Orders**

##### **The Military Religious Orders in Context: Between Integration and Autonomy (II)**

Organiser: Ronan O'Reilly (Royal Holloway University of London) and Lorenzo Mercuri (Sapienza Università di Roma, CNRS/Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

**Lorenzo Mercuri** (Sapienza Università di Roma, CNRS/Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) – The Towers of the Military Orders in Paris: Between Local Integration and Cross-Cultural Architectural Practices

**Rabei G. Khamisy** (University of Haifa) and **Yara A. Zoabi** (University of Haifa) - Function over Identity: Teutonic Knights and Ceramic Choices in Frankish Palestine

**Ronan O'Reilly** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Strangers Among Us? External Perspectives on the Templars' Integration into Medieval Society

**Paul M. Smith** (Saint Louis University) - Templar Interactions with the Irish and the Anglo-Normans in Medieval Connacht

**Chair:** Nicholas Morton (Nottingham Trent University)

#### **Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VI.6**

##### **Latin Settlements**

**Tal Laufer** (Ben Gurion University of the Negev) - Administrative Reorganisation of Jewish Leadership in Crusader Palestine

**Tadeáš Vala** (Charles University, Prague) - "Convivencia" in the Crusader States? Applying and Challenging the Convivencia Model through the Example of the Crusader States of the Middle East

**Bekir Alp Akçakoca** (Bilkent University, Ankara) - Seeing the Minorities of the Levant through the Eyes of the Minorities in the Levant: Analysing European Reports of the Druze and the Nizari Isma'ilis

**Chair:** Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa)

#### **Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VI.7**

##### **Preaching the Crusade**

##### **Preaching the Crusades and Finding Salvation in the Twelfth Century**

Organiser: Alexander Marx (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

**Alexander Marx** (Austrian Academy of Sciences) - The one you did not see coming: Peter Abelard's sermon on the Roman conquest of Jerusalem

**Marco Büttner** (University of Mainz) - Preaching the Crusades: Geoffrey of Auxerre and Twelfth-Century Crusading Ideology

**C. Matthew Phillips** (Concordia University Nebraska) - The Theology of the Cross and Crusading in the Twelfth Century

**Andy Wertzberger** (Tel Aviv University) - Bodily Salvation in the Crusader Capitals of the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth

**Chair:** Kurt Villads Jensen (Stockholm University)

#### Humanities Lab [Ground floor]

VI.8

##### Islam and the Crusades

##### **Al-Andalus in the Crusades, the Crusades in al-Andalus**

Organiser: Abdenour Padillo-Saoud (Universidad de Granada)

**Javier Albarrán** (Universidad de Granada) - Saladin in the Islamic West: the circulation of texts and ideas from the Eastern counter-crusade in al-Andalus and the Maghreb

**Abdenour Padillo-Saoud** (Universidad de Granada) - The Islamic West in Medieval Arabic Narratives on the Crusades: Al-Andalus as a Rhetorical Element

**Covadonga Baratech** (Instituto de Lenguas y Culturas del Mediterráneo y Oriente Próximo ILC-CSIC) - Memories of the near past: Andalusí and Maghribí experiences during the Crusades in the East

**Chair:** Jonathan Phillips (Royal Holloway University of London)

12.30-13.30

Lunch

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

13.30-15.00

Parallel sessions VII

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

#### Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]

VII.1

##### **The Memory of the Crusades**

##### **Engaging the Crusades. The Memory and Legacy of Crusading (IV): Responses in the Modern Mediterranean**

Organiser: Mike Horswell (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Kutsi Aybars Çetinalp** (Istanbul Technical University) and **Tuncay Zorlu** (Istanbul Technical University) - Rethinking the "Victorian Crusader": Deconstructing the "Crusader Spirit" in the Palestine Exploration Fund Survey

**Astrid Swenson** (University of Bayreuth) - Heritage Wars: Crusader Architecture as Site of Memory

**Selim Tezcan** (Social Sciences University of Ankara) - Popular Perceptions of the Crusades in the Late Ottoman Empire

**Chair:** Kristin Skottki (University of Bayreuth)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****VII.2****Islam and the Crusades****Encounters, Memory, and Meaning: Arabic Historical Writing in the Age of the Crusades**

Organiser: Alexander Mallet (Waseda University)

**Alexander Mallet** (Waseda University) - Historical Narratives or Religious Texts? Saladin and the Writings of ‘Imād al-Dīn al-Iṣfahānī and Bahā’ al-Dīn Ibn Shaddād

**Mohamad El-Merheb** (SOAS University of London) - Beyond Hagiography: Reassessing the Private Life of Louis IX in Outremer through Arabic Sources

**Fadi Ragheb** (University of Toronto) - A Neglected Text on the Memory of Saladin and the Crusades in Late Medieval History: An Analysis of Mujīr al-Dīn al-‘Ulaymī’s Universal Chronicle *al-Ta’rīkh al-mu‘tabar* (“The Esteemed History”)

**Chair:** Javier Albarran (Universidad de Granada)**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****VII.3****Latin Settlements**

**Maya Shatzmiller** (University of Western Ontario) - The Contribution of the Crusades to the Economic Performance of the Holy Land: Demographics, Monetization, and Manufacturing

**Tomasz Borowski** (University of Warsaw) - The impact of non-violent acquisition on the urban development of towns in the Latin Levant

**Ann E. Zimo** (University of New Hampshire) - Friendship Across Faiths in the Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Chair:** Yvonne Friedman (Bar-Ilan University)**Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****VII.4****Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe****Conceptions of Others and the Self Within the Ideology of the Teutonic Order (II)**

Organiser: Patrick James Eickman (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Gregory Leighton** (Research Centre for Post-Teutonic Order Heritage, Malbork) - The Chronicle Tradition of the Teutonic Order in Prussia and Its Self-Image, c. 1500

**Alexander J. McNeff** (University of Florida) - Prussia and Livonia: Chivalry, Faith, and Identity in the Baltic Crusades

**Markus Dieminger** (Ludwig-Maximilians-University) - The Chronicle of the Four Orders of Jerusalem (Rep. Font. Hist. 3, 398). An ideological self-legitimation by memoria and not-telling of a crisis, ca. 1460

**Chair:** Wilhelm Ljungar (Stockholm University)**Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****VII.5****Sources**

**Şebnem Dönbekci** (Koç University) - What Can a Book Reveal? Rereading the Francis *Vita* Cycle at Kalenderhane in Crusader Constantinople

**Merav Mack** (University of Mainz) - Codices and Communities in Frankish Jerusalem: A New Reading

**Justin O’Hagan** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Roger of Wendover: Reinventing Richard I in Thirteenth Century England

**Chair:** Iris Shagrir (The Open University of Israel)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****VII.6****Military Orders****Statutes, Usances and Esgrarts of the Military-Religious Orders (III): The Order of St John on Cyprus, Rhodes and Malta**

Organisers: Karl Borchardt (University of Würzburg) and Helen J. Nicholson (Cardiff University)

**Anthony Luttrell** (Independent scholar) - The Hospitallers' Unconfirmed Statutes of 1320

**Valeria Vanesio** (University of Malta) - "*Affatto alieni da ogni umana passione*": The Code de Rohan and the Hospitallers' search for identity reconstruction and institutional roots in the late 18th century

**Chair:** Karl Borchardt (University of Würzburg)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]****VII.7****Digital Humanities****Digital Humanities and the Study of the Crusades (II): Databases and Spatial Analysis. New Methods for the study of economic patterns, pilgrimage, and settlement in the Latin East**

Organisers: Myra M. Bom (Royal Holloway University of London) and Anna Gutgarts (University of Haifa)

**Florian Artaud** (Université de Montpellier Paul-Valéry) - Database and GIS: New Tools to Explore the Estates of Latin Monasteries in the Crusader States. The Case Study of the Chapter of Holy Sepulchre and the Abbey of Josaphat in the 12th century

**Robert Kool** (Israel Antiquities Authority) - The Evidence from Below: Coin Finds in Frankish Settlements in the Kingdom of Jerusalem, 12th- 13th Centuries

**Pelia Werth** (Johns Hopkins University) - Passing Each Other By? Mapping 'Shared' Pilgrimage Routes in the Levant, c. 1100-1300

**Chair:** Myra M. Bom (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor]****VII.8****Early Modern Crusading****The Later Crusades on Christendom's Eastern Frontiers**

Organiser: Charlotte Gauthier (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Charlotte Gauthier** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Johannes Dantiscus: a Polish diplomat in Henry VIII's court, October 1522

**Jocelyn Hendrickson** (University of Alberta) - Al-Tāzī's Awakening: A Fifteenth-Century Call to Defend the Maghrib

**Chair:** Nikolaos Chrissis (University of Athens)

**15.00-15.30****Coffee break**[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**16.00-17.00**

**Plenary Session**

**Suleiman Mourad (Smith College) - Muslim Women in Leadership Roles: Movers and Shakers in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Century Levant**

[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

Chair: Jonathan Phillips (Royal Holloway University of London)

**17.00-18.00**

**SSCLE General Meeting**

[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

**09.00-10.00**

**Plenary Session**

**Cecilia Gaposchkin (Dartmouth College) - Louis IX's 'Letter to the French' of August 1250 and the Chronicle Tradition of the Seventh Crusade, 1249-1250**

[Faculty of Sciences / FCUP Auditorium]

Chair: Peter Jackson (University of Keele)

**10.30-11.00**

**Coffee break**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**11.00-12.30**

**Parallel sessions VIII**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**VIII.1**

**Historiography**

**Carl Erdmann, the Crusades, and Portugal**

Organiser: Christoph T. Maier (University of Zurich)

**Jonathan Wilson** (IEM/University of Nova Lisboa) - Carl Erdmann and Portugal: Perspectives on Iberia and the Crusades

**Christoph T. Maier** (University of Zurich) - Carl Erdmann, the Crusades, and the German Historiographical Tradition

**Benjamin Z. Kedar** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) - Erdmann's Origin of the Idea of Crusade and the Reality of the 1930s

**Chair:** Kurt Villads Jensen (University of Stockholm)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VIII.2**

**Sources**

**Vernacular in Crusading Near East (II): Law and Politics**

Organiser: Uri Zvi Shachar (Tel Aviv University)

**Uri Zvi Shachar** (Tel Aviv University) - A Theory of Mediterranean French

**Florian Besson** (Independent scholar) - "We Never Ceased to Deliberate, Confer, Discuss, Reply, Dispute, and Fight": The Nobles of the Latin East, Master Orators and Professionals of Political Speech

**Angel Nicolaou-Konnari** (University of Cyprus) - The Construction of a Bureaucratic Variety of the Cypriot Greek Dialect in Lusignan Cyprus: The Paradigm of the Greek Translation of the *Assises de la Cour des Bourgeois*  
**Chair:** Nicholas Paul (Fordham University)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] VIII.3**

**Crusading in Northern and Eastern Europe**

**Conceptions of Others and the Self Within the Ideology of the Teutonic Order (III)**

Organiser: Patrick James Eickman (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Marius Scavinskas** (Klaipėda University) - Images of Pagan Balts in the Writings of the Teutonic Order during the Crusading Era: Between Symbolism and Emotional Rhetoric

**Dariusz Makitta** (Vizja University) - Clash of Cultures: The Legal Policy of the Teutonic Order Towards the Prussians in the 13th-15th Centuries

**Aliaksandra Valodzina** (Austrian Academy of Sciences) - Naming heretics: the image of the Hussites in the ideological language of the Teutonic Order's correspondence with Vytautas of Lithuania

**Chair:** Torben Kjersgaard Nielsen (Aarhus University)

**Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] VIII.4**

**Early Crusades**

**Serpil Çilgin** (Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University) - Barefoot crusaders: the symbolism of bare feet in the First Crusade

**Collette Firestone** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Death between Triumph and Tragedy: The Legacy of Loss for the Crusades of the 1100s-1120s.

**James Naus** (Oakland University) - Beyond Antioch: Bohemond's Ambitions in the Balkans

**John Howe** (Texas Tech University) - St. Peter Damian and Jerusalem

**Chair:** Jay Rubenstein (University of Southern California)

**Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] VIII.5**

**The Fourth Crusade and Its Consequences**

**Lorris Chevalier** (University of Bourgogne) - Crossing the Inner Frontier: Chivalric Ethics and Latin Perceptions of Greeks and Cumans during the Fourth Crusade

**Süleyman Onur Geyik** (Istanbul University) - Between approval and condemnation: papal reactions on the eve and in the aftermath of the Fourth Crusade

**Massimiliano Dalmaso** (Princeton University) - Crusading at the Mirror. Mustering Anti-Latin Rhetoric in the Early Nicene State

**Chair:** Jonathan Harris (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] VIII.6**

**The Third Crusade**

**Vedran Sulovsky** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität) - Friedrich of St. Thomas in Strasbourg: Frederick Barbarossa's Crusade Chaplain

**Elizabeth Lapina** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) - Frederick Barbarossa and Margaret of Hungary: Diplomacy on the Third Crusade

**Daniel Franke** (Richard Bland College) - Writing Crusade History in the 1190s: The *Historia Peregrinorum* as an After Action Report on Barbarossa's Crusade

**Chair:** Pål Berg Svenungsen (Western Norway University)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**VIII.7**

**Cross-Cultural Exchanges**

**Svetlana Luchitskaya** (Heinrich Heine University) - Crossing cultures, shaping images: visual representations of the prophet Muhammad in the crusader era

**David Neagu** (Romanian Academy) - Catholicos Grigor IV Tgha's Lament for the Fall of Jerusalem as an Example of Cultural Exchanges between Franks and Armenians

**Sandra Gorgievski** (University of Toulon) - Syncretic Art in 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Century Crusader States: Manuscript Illumination as Example of Cross-Cultural Exchange during the Crusades

**Chair:** Micaela Sinibaldi (University of Warsaw)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor]**

**VIII.8**

**Crusade and Mission in the Thirteenth Century**

**Crusade and Mission in the Thirteenth Century: Between Warfare and Evangelisation**

Organiser: Alessandro Scalone (Royal Holloway University of London/Institute of Historical Research)

**John Giebfried** (University of Vienna) - The Crusader States and the Unfinished Missions to the Mongols

**Alessandro Scalone** (Royal Holloway University of London/Institute of Historical Research) - Between Law and Salvation: Innocent IV and the Jurisdiction of Mission

**Dženan Dautović** (University of Tuzla) - Dominicans as agents of papal policy during the crusade against Bosnia in the 13th century

**Chair:** Alessandro Scalone (Royal Holloway University of London/Institute of Historical Research)

**12.30-13.30**

**Lunch**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**13.30-15.00**

**Parallel sessions IX**

[Faculty of Arts and Humanities / FLUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**IX.1**

**The Mongols**

**Between Steppe and Sea: The Latin East in the Shadow of the Mongol Empire**

Organiser: Michael S. Fulton (University of Western Ontario)

**Timothy May** (University of North Georgia) - Mongol Deployment and Its Effect on the Latin East

**Nicholas Morton** (Nottingham Trent University) - Surviving the Mongol Storm

**Toby Jones** (Czech Academy of Sciences) - Where is Farang? The idea of the West in Mongol-era Persian sources

**Chair:** Reuven Amitai (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

#### Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

IX.2

##### Military Orders

**Dylan McCorquodale** (University of Exeter) - Revisiting the Knights of Malta in Early Modern English Drama

**Valeria Vanesio** (University of Malta) and **Emanuel Buttigieg** (University of Malta) - “*Ricercassimo se vi fosse in Cancelleria*”: Archives, Warfare and Statecraft of the Order of St John in the 17th century

**Maria Pia Arana Barbier** (University of Salamanca) - Between holy war and pragmatic diplomacy: The Order of Malta and the Spanish Monarchy in the eighteenth-century Mediterranean

**Chair:** TBA

#### Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

IX.3

##### The Twelfth-Century Latin East

**Naomi Pitamber** (Clark University) - A New Context for the So-called Melisende Psalter (British Library, Ms. Egerton 1139)

**Danielle Park** (University of York) - Royal Wrath in the Reign of Queen Melisende: Recalibrating Political Relations in William of Tyre

**Tomasz Petech** (Polish Academy of Sciences) - The Siege of Ascalon (1153) as a Political Act: Baldwin III and the Consolidation of Royal Power in the Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Megan Boomer** (Bates College) - The Perception of Pearls: Marian Materials in the Church of the Nativity’s Mosaics

**Chair:** James Naus (Oakland University)

#### Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

IX.4

##### Early Modern Crusading

**Jonathan Harris** (Royal Holloway University of London) - The Asanes Family and the Crusade of Pope Pius II

**Nikolaos Chrissis** (University of Athens) - Memory and space in fourteenth-century crusade treatises

**Turaç Hakalmaz** (Baskent University) - Legend, Cruelty and Revenge: Queen Eleanor of Aragon in Cypriot Memory

**Giulio Merlani** (Sapienza Università di Roma) - The anti-Ottoman aims of Emperor Rudolf II and the Danubian principalities during the Long Turkish War: between ancient ideals and material needs

**Chair:** James Doherty (University of Birmingham)

#### Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

IX.5

##### Early Crusades

**Carol Sweetenham** (University of Warwick) – “The sand of the desert is sodden red”: narrative strategies for explaining defeat in the crusades of 1101/1102

**Connor Wilson** (Manchester Metropolitan University) – Pirates, Pilgrims and Plunder: Spoils of War in Maritime Crusading in the Mid-Twelfth Century

**Edward Coleman** (University College Dublin) - The Forgotten Army? The Knightly Class of Northern Italy and Crusade to the East in the Twelfth Century

**Chair:** Collette Firestone (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] IX.6**

**The Fourth Crusade and Its Consequences**

**Teresa Shawcross** (Princeton University) - "He Says He Will Not Contribute a Single Denier": Land, Tax, and the Indigenous Inhabitants of Fourteenth-Century Crusader Greece

**Konstantinos Dimitroulias** (National Transparency Authority, Greece) - The Defensive Organization of the Peloponnese, Greece, following the Fourth Crusade: Fortifications and Strategic Adaptation in the Principality of Achaia

**Massimo Sbarbaro** (Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia) - The Engineering of Opportunities: The Fourth Crusade as a Self-Generating Contractual System (1201–1204)

**Chair:** Michael Fulton (Western Ontario University)

**Classroom 210 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor] IX.7**

**Crusade and Mission in the Thirteenth Century**

**Crusade and Mission in the Thirteenth Century: Between Warfare and Evangelisation**

Organiser: Alessandro Scalone (Royal Holloway University of London/Institute of Historical Research)

**Davide Esposito** (University of the Republic of San Marino) - Crusading in the Letters of Innocent IV: Diplomatic and Missionary Policies in the Maghreb

**Quinn Bouabssa Marriott** (University of St Andrews) - A Re-Examination of Bohemond VI of Antioch-Tripoli: A Case of Crusader Exceptionalism?

**Cheryl Midson** (University of Reading) - Humbert of Romans: The Dominican Order, Crusade and Mission

**Miloš Stanković** (University of Belgrade) - Pilgrimage, ecclesiastical diplomacy and cultural encounters: Saint Sava's missions in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem

**Chair:** Benjamin Kedar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Humanities Lab [Ground floor] IX.8**

**The Memory of the Crusades**

**Juan Manuel Rubio Arevalo** (Central European University) - The Crusades, the Clash of Civilisations, and Video Games as a Space for the Reproduction of Political and Historical Myths

**Photeine V. Perra** (University of the Peloponnese) - The Perception of Latin Rule in Greek Lands (1204-1566/1797) in the Early Modern Era. Reflections on the Image of the Other in Modern Greek Historiography and Literature (C19-C20th)

**Chair:** Mike Horswell (Royal Holloway University of London)

**15.00-15.30**

**Coffee break**

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15.30-16.30

**Round Tables**

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**Main Lecture Hall [Ground floor]**

**X.1**

**Teaching Medieval Women (Round table)**

**Organiser:** Natasha Hodgson (Nottingham Trent University)

**Speakers:** Natasha Hodgson (Nottingham Trent University), Jessalynn Bird (Saint Mary's College, USA), Suleiman Mourad (Smith College), and Jonathan Phillips (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Chair:** Natasha Hodgson (Nottingham Trent University)

**Lecture Hall 2 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**X.2**

**Military Orders**

**The Military Religious Orders in Context: Between Integration and Autonomy (III) (Round table)**

**Organisers:** Ronan O'Reilly (Royal Holloway University of London) and Lorenzo Mercuri (Sapienza Università di Roma, CNRS/Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

**Speakers:** Lorenzo Mercuri (Sapienza Università di Roma, CNRS/Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Aleks Pluskowski (University of Reading), Jochen Schenk (University of Glasgow), and Gregory Leighton (Research Centre for Post-Teutonic Order Heritage, Malbork)

**Chair:** Ronan O'Reilly (Royal Holloway University of London)

**Classroom 201 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**X.3**

**New Directions in Iberian Crusading Studies (Round table)**

**Organiser:** Miguel Gomez (University of Dayton)

**Speakers:** Ted Holt (Grambling State University), Lucas Villegas-Aristizabal (Queen's University), and Miguel Gómez (University of Dayton)

**Chair:** Anthony Minnema (Samford University)

**Classroom 202 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**X.4**

**Material Culture**

**Encounters with the Middle Ages through Material Culture: The Crusades in 50 Objects (Round table)**

**Organiser:** Cathleen Fleck (University of Missouri-Columbia)

**Speakers:** Cathleen Fleck (University of Missouri-Columbia), Elizabeth Lapina (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Vardit Ruth Shotten (University of Haifa and the Israel Antiquities Authority)

**Chair:** Cathleen Fleck (University of Missouri-Columbia)

**Classroom 203 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**X.5**

**Crusader Castles in Southern Anatolia**

**Crusader Castles or Multi-Layered Frontier Fortresses in Southern Anatolia: Insights from Field Data (Round table)**

**Organisers:** Nicholas Morton (Nottingham Trent University) and Sevtap Gölgesiz-Karaca (Trakya University)

**Speakers:** Balázs Major (Pázmány Péter Catholic University), Muhittin Çeken (Aydın Adnan Menderes University), and Sevtap Gölgesiz-Karaca (Trakya University)

**Chair:** Nicholas Morton (Nottingham Trent University)

**Classroom 208 [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**X.6**

**Crusading Histories and Cultures in Britain and Europe, 1500-1750 (session)**

Organisers: James Doherty (University of Birmingham) and Elizabeth Siberry (Royal Holloway University of London)

**James Doherty** (University of Birmingham) - Robert Barret's Sacred War (1608)

**Elizabeth Siberry** (Royal Holloway University of London) - Engaging crusading texts in seventeenth-century England

**C. Matthew Phillips** (Concordia University Nebraska) - Late medieval/early modern crusade theology

**Andrew Jotischky** (Royal Holloway University of London) - The holy sepulchre, materiality and the early modern reception of crusading

**Chair:** James Doherty (University of Birmingham)

**16.30-17.00**

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