

A key focus of the project 'From 'weak' kinship to kinship as a collaborative resource', as part of the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) 1095, is the individual's need for (self)contextualisation, which begins at the point when kinship networks and resources fail. This is connected with the process of individuation, a dynamic concept introduced by the socio-cultural historian Jean-Claude Schmitt which posits that the individual constantly constructs his or her own psychic and social self, and that the material things that surround the individual contribute to this production on a day-to-day basis. This perspective raises questions that are situated at the core of our project as well as the CRC 1095: What relationships and ties does the individual person create, and to whom? Are relationships imposed on the individual from outside? Why do societies and, at a later point, institutions play an important role in this process in Western Europe? Do these social establishments compensate for a functionally inadequate kinship system? Do they offer new resources or modes of resource management? How did the individual cope with the hunger that these establishments had for resources?

This interdisciplinary conference brings together historians, sociologists and anthropologists to look closely at forms of self-identification, self-perception and self-construction in the middle ages; to examine how these forms were shaped by discourses of strength and weakness arising from the tensions between traditional but declining kinship ties, and increasingly dominant Church-sponsored communities; and to explore what resources were used to induce, influence and prolong these discourses. This examination will not only shed light on the process by which social structures, particularly institutions and communities, came to supersede traditional kinship-oriented social forms – a development that is still poorly understood – but will also explore the role of social resources in the formation of new regimes, which is one of the important new questions raised by the CRC 1095.

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SOCIAL TENSIONS BETWEEN KINSHIP AND COMMUNITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM



9:00 Introduction
9:15 Bernhard Jussen

SESSION I: THE PERSON BETWEEN THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

Moderation: Anna Dorofeeva

9:15 Représenter la parenté divine :
9:45 l'image de l'Arbre de Jessé au Moyen Âge
Séverine Lepape

9:45 La paternité entre parenté et communauté :
10:15 enquête sur la terminologie (VII^e-XIII^e s.)
Nicolas Perreaux

10:15 L'héraldique funéraire : une ultime mise en ordre
10:45 et mise en scène de l'identité au Moyen Âge
Robert Marcoux

10:45 Pause

SESSION II: THE BIRTH OF THE SUBJECT?

Moderation: Tim Geelhaar

11:00 *Si amabiliter servierint*. Verwandschaft, Kloster
11:30 und Altersvorsorge im frühen Mittelalter
Marco Veronesi

11:30 Monks, merchants, and scholars. Relationships and
12:00 individuation in the early medieval urban space
Mateusz Fafinski

12:00 Législation municipale et sujet monastique :
12:30 le cas de Metz aux XIV^e et XV^e siècles
Gordon Blennemann

12:30 Lunch

SESSION III: ASSERTING ONESELF WITHIN SOCIAL GROUPS

Moderation: Nicolas Perreaux

14:00 What do family endowments tell us about families?
14:30 Tillmann Lohse

14:30 Actions and Reflections concerning Social Security in
15:00 the Later Middle Ages. The case of Lübeck
Tim Geelhaar

15:00 Au-delà du tropisme parentélaire : le « lignage », un réseau
15:30 parmi d'autres en Lotharingie méridionale (fin IX^e-mi XI^e s.)
Tristan Martine

15:30 Pause

SESSION IV: MEMORY, NAMING AND SELF-CONSTRUCTION

Moderation: Bernhard Jussen

16:00 Memory and self-construction: The role of 'private' and
16:30 'public' relationships in James I of Aragon (r.1213-76)'s
chronicle-autobiography
Antonella Liuzzo Scorpo

16:30 Making a name for yourself:
17:00 naming, kinship and community in medieval England
James Chetwood

17:00 Round table
18:00 & final discussion

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