

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



## - CONFERENCE -

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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 :  
l'image de l'Arbre de Jessé au Moyen Âge  
Séverine Lepape

9:45      La paternité entre parenté et communauté :  
enquête sur la terminologie (VII<sup>e</sup>-XIII<sup>e</sup> s.)  
Nicolas Perreux

10:15     L'héraldique funéraire : une ultime mise en ordre  
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*  
und Altersvorsorge im frühen Mittelalter  
Marco Veronesi

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

12:00     Législation municipale et sujet monastique :  
le cas de Metz aux XIV<sup>e</sup> et XV<sup>e</sup> siècles  
Gordon Blennemann

12:30     Lunch

### SESSION III: ASSERTING ONESELF WITHIN SOCIAL GROUPS

Moderation: Nicolas Perreux

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

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

15:00     Au-delà du tropisme parentélaire : le « lignage », un réseau  
parmi d'autres en Lotharingie méridionale (fin IX<sup>e</sup>-mi XI<sup>e</sup> 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  
'public' relationships in James I of Aragon (r.1213-76)'s  
chronicle-autobiography  
Antonella Liuzzo Scopo

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

17:00     Round table  
& final discussion

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