

The decades after the formation of the Carolingian empire around 800 C.E. and its territorial expansion to encompass most of Western Europe are correctly seen as a formative period for the emergence of a distinct European culture and of the concept of Western Christendom. However, research in the last three decades has fundamentally changed the ways in which we perceive the Carolingian achievement. It is no longer a story of the restoration of imperial rule and Christian unity after the Dark Ages between the end of the Roman Empire and its renovation under Charlemagne. Instead, the Rise of the Carolingians is now seen as part of a longer history of cultural and social experimentation, of emulation and innovation, after the end of the Western Roman Empire, in which Carolingian politicians, rulers, bishops, theologians, intellectuals and lawyers built on the diverse social and political experiments of post-Roman societies and polities.

As a result of this new understanding of the formation of the Carolingian synthesis, we have also started to see the late and post-Carolingian period in a different light. The period from Louis the Pious to the end of the first millennium C.E. has long been interpreted as a period of decline, growing feudal anarchy and social and political chaos, a new Dark Age into which Europe fell before the glorious revival of the Empire under the Salians and Hohenstaufen in eleventh- and twelfth-century Germany and the 'golden century' of the Capetians in thirteenth-century France. And yet, as scholars such as Robert Bartlett, Patrick Geary, Simon MacLean and Charles West among others have forcefully argued, the political, social and cultural formations that have come to characterize Europe in the last millennium developed out of a common Carolingian heritage, which was transformed in different circumstances and spread into the Iberian peninsula, the British Isles, and the Slavic and Scandinavian worlds.

The conference aims to take stock of the insights of these scholars and connect them with new trends in exploring Carolingian and post-Carolingian history, specifically by examining how later generations used historiographical, intellectual, legal, political and religious resources of the Carolingian period. Examples of this creative transmission of Carolingian innovation into the post-Carolingian world include the transformation and continuation of historiographical, hagiographical and legal compilations. The workshop seeks to transcend the artificial division created by the image of a second Dark Age, and to replace the false sense of rupture in the tenth century with an exploration of the fruitful and changing balance of continuities and discontinuities from the 8th through to the 13th century.

This conference rounds off the five-year ERC Advanced Grant project "Social Cohesion, Identity and Religion in Europe, 400-1200", which has received funding from the European Research Council in the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-13) under the ERC grant agreement No. 269591. At the same time, it marks the beginning of a new international network of associated projects intended to study passages into the post-Carolingian world, and opens up an intensive discussion of its perspectives.

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TRANSFORMATION of the CAROLINGIAN WORLD

28-30 January 2016



Thursday, January 28

10:00 - 12:00 a.m. **Welcome** • Walter POHL
Introduction • Max DIESENBERGER

Church, Christianity & the Micromanagement of Christian Universalism
 Keynote: Conrad LEYSER

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. *lunch break*

Steffen PATZOLD
The church, property and war (800-1100)

Sarah HAMILTON
Bishops and their books: the evidence of the early 'pontifical' collections

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Geneviève BÜHRER-THIERRY
New saints, old saints and the christianization of the East: the construction of native holy men and women as go-between in eastern and central Europe in the 10th-11th centuries

Rob MEENS
The use of Carolingian sources in a penitential manuscript (10th c.)

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. *coffee break*

Politics of Identity
 Keynote: Walter POHL

Maria Cristina LA ROCCA
Transformation of Carolingian gender. From consors regni to consors thori

4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Karl UBL
Lex Salica as a token of identity in the 10th and 11th centuries

Peter ŠTIH
Transformation of the Slavic World within the transformation of the Carolingian World

Francesco BORRI
The troubles of Romanness: crisis of legitimacy, crisis of identity

Friday, January 29

Social & Political Dynamics
 Keynote: Stuart AIRLIE

Jennifer DAVIS
Matilda of Tuscany and the weight of Carolingian tradition

09:00 - 11:00 a.m. David BACHRACH
Missi and inquisitio across the tenth-century divide: Ottonian practice on Carolingian foundations

Eric GOLDBERG
Rulership and political culture, 877-1024

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. *coffee break*

Legal Plurality
 Keynote: Stefan ESDERS

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. *lunch break*

François BOUGARD
Legal plurality: three proposals

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Charles WEST
Dissonance of speech, consonance of meaning – the Council of Metz (862) and the origin and function of Carolingian conciliar texts

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Helmut REIMITZ
Codes and codification: some observations on legal and historiographical compendia

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. *coffee break*

Culture, Connectivity & Communication
 Keynote: Patrick GEARY

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Richard CORRADINI
Transformation, difference and conflict in historiography

Simon MACLEAN
Places and the past in the tenth century

Philippe DEPREUX
Manuskripte als Traditionsstifter und -vermittler: das Beispiel der Formulae-Handschriften im regionalen Vergleich

Saturday, January 30

Economy, Ecology & Environment
 Wendy DAVIES

09:00 - 10:30 a.m. Celine WAWRUSCHKA
Socio-economic and geopolitical perspectives on medieval landscapes

Nicolas SCHROEDER
(Dis)continuities in medieval socio-ecological systems: the dynamics of upland landscapes in north-western Europe, c. 850-1150

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. *coffee break*

11:00 a.m. **final discussion**



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