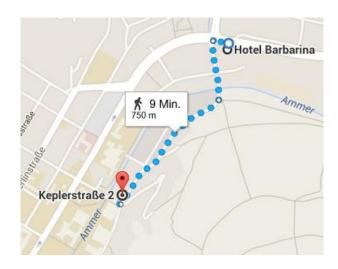
Formative Memories: Western Society and the Church, 250–1150

Outside the familiar narratives of 'the end of the ancient world' and 'the beginning of the Middle Ages', this international workshop seeks a new understanding of the making of the Christian Church as an institution. That process is so vast and visible that it has often evaded critical analysis. Instead, a polemical version of history has proved remarkably durable. It demonstrates the power of social memory, which was used to legitimate change and institution building. The workshop focuses on three key junctures:

- 400: The adoption of Christianity as the religion of the Roman state creates unexpected 'problems of success' for Christian communities: these are solved largely with reference to the third-century past.
- 800: Frankish warriors and churchmen reconstruct an imperial regime in the West: it is built explicitly around tokens of memory of the Christian Roman Empire, above all its emperors and bishops.
- 1100: 'The Latin Church' achieves institutional take-off through a campaign for a celibate clergy, and in defense of ecclesiastical property rights.



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Programme

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - AFTERNOON

6.30 Welcome: "Hotel Barbarina"

7.00 DINNER: "Die Kelter"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - MORNING

9.00 Introduction

9.15 James Corke-Webster | Durham Trouble in Pontus: The Pliny-Trajan Correspondence on the Christians Reconsidered

JEROEN WIJNENDAELE | Ghent

The Career and Revolt of Gildo (c. 385–398): A Reconsideration

10.30 COFFEE

11.00 FLORIAN BATTISTELLA | Tübingen Rector apostolicae fidei veneranda retexit dogmata quae clari constituere patres eloquio curans errorum scismate lapsos

CAROLA FÖLLER | Erlangen

Gregory the Great - Big in Rome

12.15 LUNCH BUFFET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - AFTERNOON

1.30 KATE COOPER, CONRAD LEYSER | Manchester/Oxford

Corpus Christi and Incorporating the Church in the later Roman Empire: Where Next?

STEFFEN PATZOLD | Tübingen

Ulrich Stutz und die Eigenkirchen

2.45 COFFEE

3.15 THOMAS KOHL | Tübingen

In Search of the Advocate, 8–12th Century

FEDERICO MONTINARO | Tübingen

"With the Franks Alone": Diplomacy, Memory and the Church in 10th-Century Constantinople

4.30 COFFEE

5.00 James Norrie | Oxford

Family and Officers in the Rural Churches of Milan: The 11th Century

SARAH HAMILTON | Exeter

Accounting for Souls: An Excommunication Formula from 11th-Century Noyons

6.15 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

7.30 DINNER: "La Torre"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

DEPARTURE