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Our Daily Bread

The Making of Sacral Economies in Western Eurasia

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International Workshop
Cambridge, April 30-May 2, 2026

Thursday, April 30

Evening: Informal Welcome Dinner

Day 1: Friday, May 1

Welcome

9:00-9:15: Caroline Goodson (Cambridge)/King's College Reps

Introduction

9:15-9:30: Merle Eisenberg (Oklahoma State), Rory Naismith (Cambridge) and Paolo Tedesco (Tübingen)

Britain and Gaul

9:30-10:15: Kings, Churches and (Weak) States in Early Medieval Britain: Three Case Studies
Rory Naismith (Cambridge)

10:15-11:00: Thy Silver is Become Dross: Churches and the Exploitation of Mineral Resources
Irene Bavuso (Utrecht)

11:00-11:30: Coffee Break

11:30-12:15: Landscapes of the Loire: Land Use in the Early Medieval Charters of Fleury Abbey
Bryna Cameron-Steinke (Queen's University)

12:15-1:30: Lunch Break

1:30-2:15: Then Shall the Earth Yield Her Increase: Marseille and its Estates in the Rotulus of 813/14
Steffen Patzold (Tübingen)

Iberia and Italy

2:15-3:00: Alienating Church Property in Visigothic Iberia
Damián Fernández (Northern Illinois) and Jamie Wood (Oxford)

3:00-3:30: Coffee Break

3:30-4:15: Working for Saint Peter: Landlords and Peasants in Early Medieval Italy
Paolo Tedesco (Tübingen)

The Eastern Mediterranean

4:15-5:00: In All Labour There is Profit: the Church and the Working Poor
Matt Hassall (Liverpool)

5:00-5:30: Planning Discussion for Next Steps

Dinner

Day 2: Saturday, May 2

Beyond the Eastern Roman Empire

9:00-9:45: A Land Whose Stones Are Iron: Economic Agency and Mining in the Late Antique Eastern Mediterranean
Catherine Keane (Glasgow) and Radka Pallova (Princeton)

9:45-10:30: Land and Lordship at the Edge of Empire: Framing the Medieval Economy in South Caucasasia, c. 450–850
Nicholas Matheou (Edinburgh)

10:30-10:45: Coffee Break

Egypt

10:45-11:30: The Holy Church at Hermopolis: Bishopric, Landowner, and Tax Collector
Lucia Waldschuetz (Princeton)

11:30-12:15: Estate and Extraction among Late Antique Egyptian Monasteries (6th to 9th Centuries)
Thomas Laver (Cambridge)

12:15-12:45: Conclusion
Caroline Goodson (Cambridge)

12:45-1:45: Working Lunch and Wrap Up Discussion