

## Pillaging Sacred Spaces (Cologne, 3–4 May 18)

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### Pillaging Sacred Spaces. Diachronic and Cross-Cultural Perspectives

While plundering has been an intrinsic part of warfare throughout human history, this workshop will explore the specific notion of pillaging sacred space from diachronic and cross-cultural perspectives. How is looting and destroying sacred space negotiated, conceived, and judged within the framework of conquest? Are individual 'arch-plunderers' discernible in various ancient and medieval cultures? How should we read accounts of pillaging sacred space? The speakers address these and related questions by analysing the plundering histories of particular sites and by tackling broader cultural trends and influences such as economic factors, religious zealotry, and the possibility of creating or enforcing norms.

### Program

Thursday, 3rd May 2018

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Mabi ANGAR (Cologne) and Yvonne PETRINA (Munich)

#### JERUSALEM THROUGH THE CENTURIES

Chair: Hansgerd BRAKMANN

10:00 Yuval LEVAVI (Ramat Gan)

Pillaging the First Temple: Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE

10:45 Galit NOGA-BANAI (Jerusalem)

Seconda Casa Gerusalemme – Roma: The Arch of Titus and Jerusalemite Relics in Rome

11:30 Katharina PALMBERGER (Jerusalem)

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Its History of Plundering

12:15 Lunch Break

#### CONSTANTINOPLE AND THE FOURTH CRUSADE

Chair: Susanne WITTEKIND

14:00 Peter ORTH (Cologne)

Plundering Constantinople in 1204. The Latin Accounts

14:45 Mabi ANGAR (Cologne)

The Plundering of Hagia Sophia in 1204 as Pictured by Niketas Choniates

15:30 Coffee Break

THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Chair: Beate FRICKE

16:00 Konstantin KLEIN (Bamberg)

Letters of Stone: Narratives of Destruction in the Late Antique East (4th–7th centuries)

16:45 Han Hsien LIEW (Cambridge, MA)

Caliph Yazid ibn Mu'awiya's Attack on Mecca and Medina in Islamic Historical Memory

17:30 Eva ORTHMANN (Göttingen)

Plundering Hindu and Buddhist Sanctuaries in India under Mahmud of Ghazna

Friday, 4th May 2018

PILLAGING IN ANTIQUITY

Chair: Karl-Joachim HÖLKESKAMP

10:00 Sonya NEVIN (Roehampton)

Pillaging Sacred Space in Late Archaic and Classical Greek Warfare

10:45 Sema KARATAŞ (Cologne)

How to Plunder Thoroughly? – C. Verres and the Sacred Island of Sicily

11:30 Béatrice CASEAU (Paris)

Religious Rage or Economic Reasons: Pillaging Sacred Spaces in Late Antiquity

12:15 Lunch Break

PILLAGING IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Chair: Sabine von HEUSINGER

14:00 Miriam CZOCK (Duisburg-Essen)

Pillaging Churches in the West During the Early Middle Ages

14:45 Susanne WITTEKIND (Cologne)

Cities Destroyed, Treasures Removed. How Medieval Chronicles Report on Pillaging in the Iberian Peninsula

15:30 Felicitas SCHMIEDER (Hagen)

The Mongolian Sack of Bagdad in 1258 and Its Perception in the West

16:15 Final Discussion

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