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Constantinople's Relics after the Sack of 1204

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Dispersion and Reception: The Fate of Constantinople's Relics after the Sack of 1204

Session to be held at the 39th International Congress on Medieval Studies Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan May 6-9, 2004

Next year will mark the 800th anniversary of the sack of Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade. In commemoration of this historic event, the online discussion list Medieval-Religion will sponsor a panel on the fate of the city's relics in western Europe after the sack of 1204. Possible questions include but certainly are not limited to:

what repercussions did the loss of Christianity's most powerful relics have for eastern Christians?

how were western Christians influenced by the new proximity of the same? how did these relics influence the material culture of western Europe once they reached their new homes?

how did western Christians explain or justify these thefts? * what strategies did eastern Christians adopt to deal with their loss?

It is the hope of the organizer that this session will benefit from the insights of a number of disciplines and will include perspectives of Byzantinists as well as scholars focusing on western Europe.

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