Comparing Medieval Histories Workshop

PROGRAMME

2026.11.03 (Tue.)

10:00-10:30	Registration
10:30-10:40	Opening Remarks
10:40 - 12:00	**Global History vs. Comparative History** Chair: Albert Wu (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) 1) **Michael Höckelmann (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg) (online)** Dynasty and Period 2) **Jonathan Skaff (Shippensburg University)** The Medieval Practice of Eurasian Diplomacy: An Entangled History 3) **Toby Yuen-Gen Liang (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)** Maps in the Medieval Mediterranean: Global Dis:connects in the Comparative History of Christian and Islamicate Cartographies General Discussion
12:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:20	**Sea and Islands** Chair: Martin Roch (Université de Genève) 1) **Chi Hu (National Tsing Hua University)** Knowledge and Narrative: Imagining the World Beyond the Seas in Tang Dynasty Tales 2) **Christian Cooijmans (University of Liverpool) (online)** Common Knowledge: Information Ecologies of the Viking World 3) **Daniel Föller (Universität Basel) (Online)** Territorializing the "Cold World": Regulations of Ocean Space in the Viking Age General Discussion

15:20-15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 - 16:40	**Property and Ownership (I)** Chair: Sheng-Yen Lu (National Taiwan Normal University)
	1) **Ting-Chih Wu (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)** Manumission of Bondservants and Their Succession to Property under Mongol-Yuan Rule in China 2) **Maria Tranter (Universität Basel) (online)** Who belongs to whom? On the Relationship between Early Medieval Churches and their Saintly Patrons
	General Discussion
16:40-17:10	**Project Overview** **Noëlle-Laetitia Perret (Université de Genève) (online)** Forging Consensus in Premodern Europe: Towards a Comparative and Connected History of Diplomacy
18:00-20:00	Dinner

2026.11.04 (WED.)

09:30-09:40	Registration
09:40 - 10:40	**Property and Ownership (II)** Chair: Debby Chih-Yen Huang (National Taiwan University)
	1) **Sheng-Yen Lu (National Taiwan Normal University)** From 'Hers' to 'Theirs' – The Impact of the 1285 Statute of Westminster II on English Women's Marital Property (1270–1307) 2) **Ze Kun Zhang (UC Davis) (online)** The Enslavement of Indigenous People in South China and Its Limits, 750-850
	General Discussion

10:40-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50 - 11:50	**Religious Communities and Miracles** Chair: Ting-Shuo Huang (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
	1) **Pei-Ying Lin (National Chengchi University)** Miraculous Rebirth and the Making of Buddhist Communities: Prince Shōtoku's Legend across China and Japan 2) **Martin Roch (Université de Genève)** The Significance of the 'Odour of Sanctity' for Early Medieval Religious Communities
	General Discussion
11:50-12:20	**Roundtable Discussion** Chair: Martin Roch (Université de Genève)
12:20-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-17:00	Visit: Museum of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

✠ Each presenter will give a 20-minute presentation.
There will then be 20 minutes of open discussion for each panel.