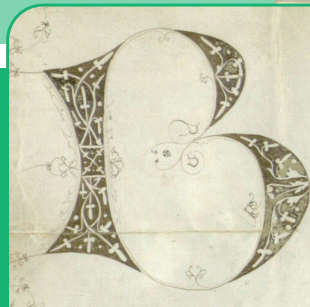


Administration in Times of Crisis: The Roman Papacy in the Great Western Schism



International Conference,
Rome, 23–24 October 2023



The Great Western Schism (1378–1417) is considered as the deepest crisis of the late medieval Church. It had devastating effects upon the administration of the Catholic Church. After the election of "Antipope" Clement VII, most of the competent curial staff joined the French Pope, and the Roman Pope Urban VI had to recreate the administration. But was the Roman side really in deep trouble?

This conference aims to enhance the study of the late medieval Roman papacy and to shed light upon the history of the papal administration in Rome in the times of crisis: How did it regain its functions? Who were the central persons involved in the recreation of the Roman curia? Were there material and artistic consequences in the production of the papal institutions? What was the impact of the Roman popes in the territories under their obedience?

Fig.: Detail from a charter of Boniface IX, (photo Cistercian Abbey Zwettl, archive).

Conference Venue

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or in-person attendance

Conference organised by the project SCISMA (University of Turku), the Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, the Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion (University of Bergen), the German Historical Institute in Rome.

Monday, 23 October, 9.30–17.30

I - Welcome & Session 1: Papal Administration I

Chair: Andreas Rehberg | Roma

09.30 Martin Baumeister | DHI Roma
Andreas Rehberg | DHI Roma
Kirsi Salonen | SCISMA, Bergen
[Welcome](#)

Patrick Zutshi | Cambridge
[The Registration of Papal Letters under Urban VI and Boniface IX](#)

Armand Jamme | Lyon
[The Avignon Chambers and the Reconquest of Rome](#)

11.00 Break

II - Papal Administration II

Chair: Ludwig Schmugge | Roma

11.30 Kirsi Salonen | Bergen
[Who Turned to Pope Boniface IX and Why?](#)

Juuso Karhu | Turku
[Networks at the Highest Level: Cardinals and Their Connections](#)

Anahita Ghanavati | München
[Pope John's XXIII Pisan Curia: Structure and Change of Papal Administration](#)

13.00 Lunch

III - Networks

Chair: Jörg Hörnschemeyer | Roma

14.30 Robert Gramsch-Stehfest | Jena
[Careers of German Curials during the Great Western Schism – Approaches to a Computer-Aided Analysis of the Repertorium Germanicum](#)

Reima Välimäki | Turku
[Social Network Analysis in SCISMA](#)

15.30 Break

IV - Instruments of research

Chair: Reima Välimäki | Turku

16.00 David Zbiral | Masaryk
[From Notarial Documents to Knowledge Graphs: Introducing Computer-Assisted Semantic Text Modelling \(CASTEMO\) and the InkVisitor Application](#)

17.00 Discussion

19.30 Dinner (only for participants)

Tuesday, 24 October, 9.30–16.15

V - Long Arms of the Papacy

Chair: Kirsi Salonen | Bergen

09.30 Reima Välimäki | Turku
[Dietrich von Nieheim – Key Administrator in the Times of the Great Western Schism](#)

Marek Kowalski | Kraków
[Polish Collectorate \(Roman Obedience\) during the Great Western Schism?](#)

Clémence Revest | Paris
[The Humanists in the Curia and the Defense of the Conciliar Movement, from Lucca to Constance](#)

11.00 Break

VI - Sources

Chair: Patrick Zutshi | Cambridge

11.30 David d'Avray | London
[Applied Diplomatics of \(Roman\) Papal Documents after 1378](#)

Franzesa Manzari | Roma
[Decorative Models in the Chancery of the Roman Popes During the Great Western Schism](#)

13.00 Lunch

VII - Consequences of the Schism for Rome

Chair: Andreas Rehberg | Roma

14.30 Tobias Daniels | München
['Responsio Romani populi'. Ars Notariae, Form Letter Collections and a Political Correspondance between Rome and Florence and in the Late Fourteenth Century](#)

Luciano Palermo | Viterbo
[Market Expansion and Institutions in Rome during the Great Western Schism](#)

15.30 Andreas Rehberg | Roma
[Closing discussion](#)

