

## Wittgenstein Award Project “Mobility, Microstructures and Personal Agency in Byzantium”

### Forum Moving Byzantium XIX

#### Defining Factions and Networks of the Laurentian Schism: Ostrogothic Italy 498-514

The Wittgenstein Project Team invites you to our nineteenth group discussion meeting. “Forum Moving Byzantium XIX” will take place on **Monday 06.05.2019**, from **17:00** to **18:30**, at the Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies (University of Vienna, Postgasse 7, 1010 Vienna, Staircase 1, Third Floor, Hörsaal).

The Forum Moving Byzantium XIX will provide the unique opportunity to discuss with **Daniel Knox** (CEU) his current work on “**Defining Factions and Networks of the Laurentian Schism: Ostrogothic Italy 498-514**”.

**Daniel Knox:** PhD candidate at CEU in Budapest, Medieval Studies. MA CEU, Medieval Studies, MA University of Auckland, Ancient History. BA Hons Victoria University of Wellington. His current thesis is focused on the 6th century Italo-Roman writer Ennodius of Pavia and the Laurentian Schism.

After a brief introduction by Daniel Knox, there will be time for discussion, moderated by Prof. Dr. Claudia Rapp on the basis of the following preparatory readings:

1. Knox, Daniel, “The Impact of the Laurentian Schism on Ennodius of Pavia's Participation in Episcopal Networks” in Cvetković, Carmen, and Gemeinhardt, Peter (eds) *Episcopal Networks in Late Antiquity* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019) 207-226.
2. Moorhead, John, “The Laurentian Schism: East and West in the Roman Church”, *American Society of Church History*, 47/2 (1978) 125-136.
3. Cameron, Alan, “Anician Myths”, *JRS*, 102 (2012) 133-171.
4. Padgett, John F., and Ansell, Christopher K., “Robust Action and the Rise of the Medici”, *American Journal of Sociology*, 98/6 (1993) 1259-1319. (Note: only pages 1259-1265 are important for the discussion and I don't intend for all of this very long article to be read)

Some of the questions that will be put forward for discussion are:

- 1) Were the competing interests involved in the Laurentian schism fixed and coherent factions or were they more mutable coalitions whose support fluctuated in reaction to the evolution of events?
- 2) Should we view the Laurentian Schism as a single conflict or is it a collection of conflicts, should we also reconsider the Laurentian Schism's place in the wider narrative of the Acacian Schism?
- 3) What were the lasting impacts of the Schism on social and political networks in Ostrogothic Italy to the extent to which we can measure these?

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Ms. Paraskevi Sykopetritou (Project Coordinator) in order to receive further information and the relevant reading material:  
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For further information and updates on future events you may also consult our website:  
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We hope that you can join our Forum for fruitful discussions!