

The Transmission of Early Christian Homilies from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages

Homilies represent one of the largest and yet least explored corpora of late antique literature. Preachers across the Mediterranean World and beyond interpreted the biblical text, explicated the lives of saints, interpreted the liturgy, taught social ethics, and commented on historical events before a diverse range of audiences. Advances in research over the last fifty years have demonstrated the importance of sermons for both intellectual and social histories of late antiquity.

This conference seeks to address a key problem in interpreting early Christian homilies. The survival of any sermon from late antiquity represents the deliberate efforts and decisions of communities and individuals across time. In late antiquity, this entailed the recording and distribution of homilies in manuscripts for wider audiences. In the Middle Ages and even to the present, communities have recopied and reorganized homilies into new collections designed to meet their own interests. Across this entire time, homilies underwent translation into almost every literary culture of early and medieval Christianity. These diverse processes account for the survival of such texts and point to a common problem of the transmission of early Christian homilies.

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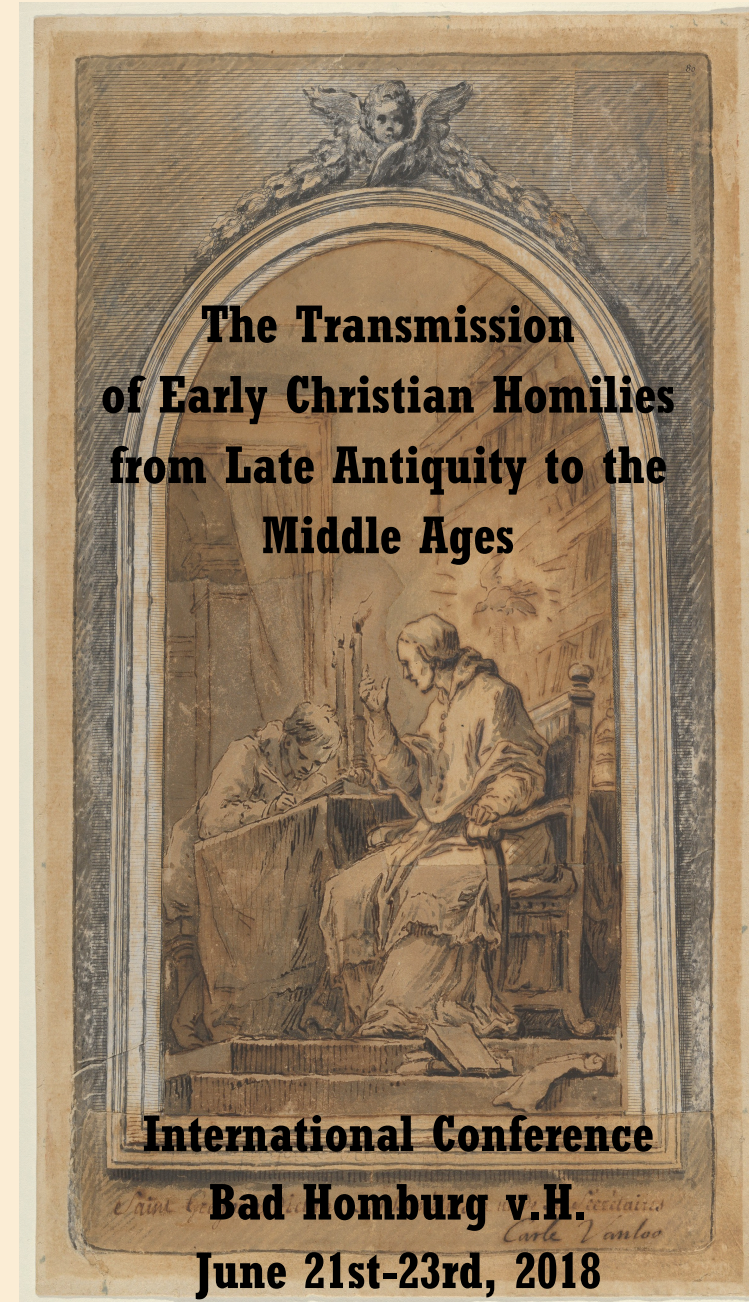
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Thursday, June 21st

12:30-13:00 Registration and Refreshments

13:00-13:30 Introduction

Session 1: John Chrysostom

Moderation: ANNETTE VON STOCKHAUSEN (BERLIN)

13:30-14:15 SEVER VOICU (Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana)
Homilies by and attributed to John Chrysostom: Circulation and Use in the 5th and 6th Centuries

14:15-15:00 EMILIO BONFIGLIO (Vienna)
John Chrysostom in Oriental Dress: The Armenian File

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:15 ANETA DIMITROVA (Sofia)
Selection and Adaptation of John Chrysostom's Homilies in the Early Slavonic Tradition

16:15-17:00 ALEXANDROS TSAKOS (Bergen)
From *Chrysostomus Nubianus* to *Corpus Chrysostomicum Nubianum*

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

Public Lecture

17:30-19:00 WENDY MAYER (Adelaide)
The Multiple Afterlives of Early Christian Homilies: Why and to whom does transmission matter?

19:30 Dinner in Restaurant "Schreinerei Pfeiffer" (Audenstraße 6, Bad Homburg)

Friday, June 22nd

Session 2: Augustine of Hippo

Moderation: KAI PREUB (Frankfurt)

09:30-10:15 SHARI BOODTS (Leuven)
Augustine's Sermons in the Middle Ages: An Overview of the Tradition and a Plan to Explore It

10:15-11:00 CLEMENS WEIDMANN (Salzburg)
Pseudo-Fulgentius: An Underrated Witness for the Transmission of Augustine's Sermons

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:15 MAXIMILIAN DIESENBERGER (Vienna)
Early Christian Homilies in Bavarian Sermon Compilations, ca. 800

12:15-13:00 GERT PARTOENS (Leuven)
Order Out of Chaos: On the Transmission of the *Quinquaginta homiliae* in Belgium and Northern France

13:00-14:30 Lunch at Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften

Session 3: Shenoute of Atripe

Moderation: CHRISTIAN BARTHEL (Frankfurt)

14:30-15:15 DAVID BRAKKE (Columbus, OH)
The Organization of Shenoute's *Discourses*: The Making of an Author and his Works in Late Antiquity

15:15-16:00 ALIN SUCIU (Göttingen)
The Circulation of Shenoute's Homilies outside the White Monastery

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:15 STEPHEN DAVIS (New Haven, CT)
The Voice of a Saint from Beyond the Grave: Posthumous Performances of a Sermon by Shenoute

17:15-18:00 CAROLINE SCHROEDER (Stockton, CA)
A Homily is a Homily is a Homily is a Corpus: Digital Approaches to Shenoute

18:30 Dinner at Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften

Saturday, June 23rd

Session 4: Jacob of Serugh

Moderation: LUISE MARION FRENKEL (São Paulo/Erfurt)

09:00-09:45 PHILIP FORNESS (Frankfurt)
The Homilies of John Chrysostom and Jacob of Serugh in Syriac Manuscripts from Late Antiquity

09:45-10:30 ANDY HILKENS (Ghent)
The Armenian Reception of the Homilies of Jacob of Serugh: The Manuscript Tradition

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 TAMARA PATRIDZE (Louvain)
Crossing Boundaries: Jacob of Serugh through the Homiliaries

11:45-12:30 TED ERHO (Munich)
AARON BUTTS (Washington, D.C.)
Homilies attributed to Jacob of Serugh in Ethiopia

12:30-14:00 Lunch at Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften