



Versammlung des Ordens vom Goldenen Vlies, 1473

## › Organisation

Project C2-4 of the Cluster of Excellence:  
„Monarchical Rule and Religious Community-Building“

Historisches Seminar

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## › Venue

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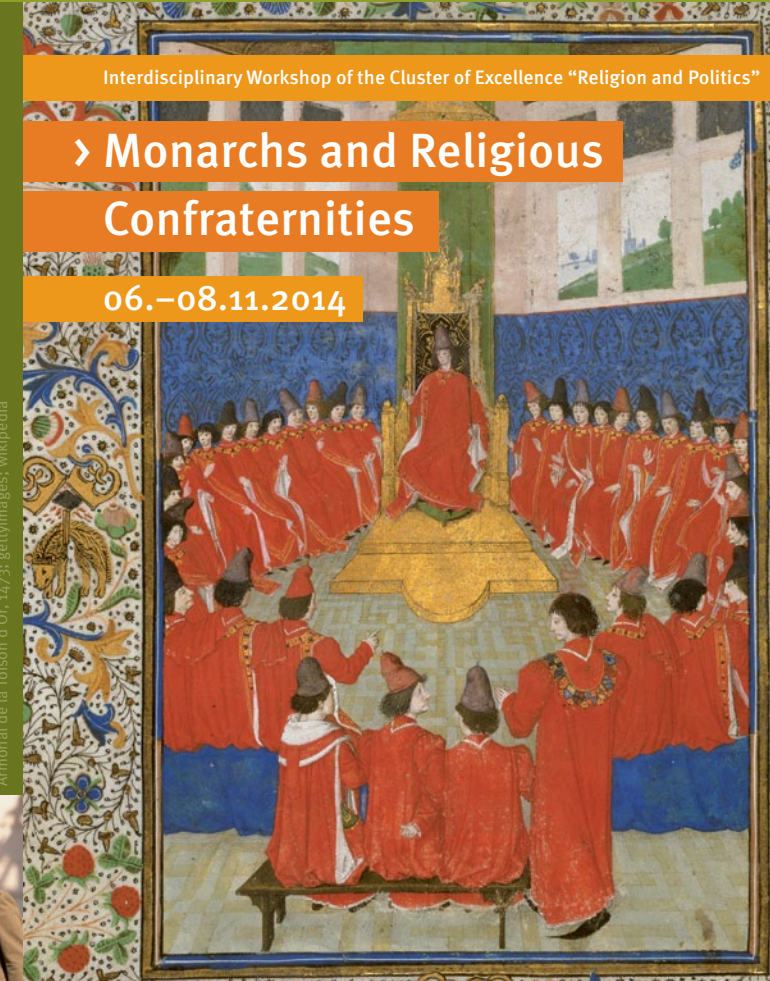
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Interdisciplinary Workshop of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”

## › Monarchs and Religious Confraternities

06.–08.11.2014



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## › Monarchs and Religious Confraternities

Which resources can be derived from religious traditions in order to substantiate claims of political rulers in social practice? Is it possible to refer to religious norms in order to reinforce social consensus? Which symbolic forms and institutional mechanisms could be used by political authorities and rulers in order to position themselves within structures made up by different social groups? The workshop to take place in Münster will be focussing especially on such cases which can shed light on the problem under which circumstances subjects as well as officials were drawn together in specific social and/or religious groups on the initiative of rulers with the aim of enhancing and strengthening social ties with political authorities.

Case studies will be discussing the opportunities offered by specific religious traditions to monarchs in order to establish relations with members of elites and their subordinates not only in the immediate surroundings of the court and its officials, but also in regions further away from centres of power. This includes first of all relations of patronage, but particular attention will also be given to relations based on religious fraternisation, more especially on such religious confraternities that were differentiated from society by specific institutional mechanisms. We will also ask whether certain Hellenistic associations performed comparable functions in antiquity.

Furthermore, the workshop will address the question of how political actors stabilized their rule under concrete historical circumstances, availing themselves of potentials derived from the respective religious traditions as well as from more permanent political and social structures. This question is related to the problem under which preconditions institutional stabilisations can succeed and endure and how such stabilisations can be grounded and contextualized in theoretical notions of (ideal) order.

## › Programme

### Thursday, 06.11.2014

16:00–16:15 Welcome / Inauguration  
Wolfram Drews, Münster

16:15–17:00 Artists' Associations and Hellenistic Rulers  
Brigitte Le Guen, Paris

17:00–17:45 Towards a Typology of Confraternities  
in Byzantium  
Claudia Rapp, Vienna

Coffee break

18:15–19:00 John the Almsgiver and the Patrician Nicetas:  
Brotherhood in Question  
Georges Sideris, Paris

### Friday, 07.11.2014

09:30–10:15 The Foundation and Early Development of the  
Order of the Garter in England, 1348–1399  
W. Mark Ormrod, York

10:15–11:00 The Order of the Sash (*Orden de la Banda*)  
Jesús Rodríguez Velasco, New York

Coffee break

11:30–12:15 Bruderschaftliche Aspekte beim Orden vom  
Goldenen Vlies  
Sonja Dünnebeil, Vienna

Lunch

14:00–14:45 Religious Fraternities and Islamic Rulers:  
*Futuwwa* from the Rise of the Proto-Sunnis  
through the Seljuq Era  
Deborah Tor, Notre Dame

14:45–15:30 Political Patronage and Spiritual Sponsorship in  
15th/16th-Century Amasya  
Colin Mitchell, Halifax

Coffee break

16:00–16:45 Changing Relations between the Safavid Court  
and the Evolving Sufi Discourse – Popular and  
'Academic'  
Andrew J. Newman, Edinburgh

16:45–17:30 Stellvertreter Gottes oder Herr der Welt? –  
Das Dilemma eines indischen Herrscherhauses.  
Konflikte und Kooperation zwischen Königen  
und Priestern im Reich der Gangas von Orissa  
1113–1568  
Georg Berkemer, Berlin

19:00 Dinner for Invited Participants

### Saturday, 08.11.2014

09:30–10:15 Das chinesische Kaisertum und das buddhis-  
tische Mönchtum im 6. Jahrhundert:  
Formen religiöser Vergemeinschaftung und ihre  
Widerstände  
Andreas Janousch, Madrid

10:15–11:00 The Order of the *dharma* and the Order of  
Rulership – On the Relationship between  
Monastic Community and Worldly Power in the  
History of Buddhism  
Max Deeg, Cardiff

11:00 Final discussion