

- 16.15 Benoît GRÉVIN (CNRS Paris): “Epistolographic Communication and Political Rhetoric: The Dynamics of *Ars dictaminis* in Comparative Perspective, c. 1000-1500”
- 16.35 Christian LAMOUREUX (EHESS Paris): “Centralization or Decentralization: The Accounting Policy of Zonglingsuo 總領所 during the Southern Song”
- 16.55-17.40 Discussion
- 19.30 Conference dinner

FRIDAY, 29 MAY

Session 4: Political Communication and Empire (Chair/Discussant: Jean-Philippe GENET)

- 09.00 LEE Sukhee (Rutgers University): “Getting Things Done: Fighting Famine and Political Communication within the Local Bureaucracy in Thirteenth Century China”
- 09.20 Mark WHITTOW (University of Oxford): “Communication and Empire: Byzantium in Perspective”
- 09.40 Discussion
- 10.25 Coffee
- 10.40-12.45 Final roundtable:
 1. Briefing on publication
 2. Panel and open floor discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 End of conference

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WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY

- 13.30 Registration
- 14.00 *Word of welcome*
Arthur WESTSTEIJN (KNIR)/ Hilde DE WEERDT (Leiden University)
- Session 1: The Challenge of Comparative Political History** (Chair/Discussant: Robert HYMES, Columbia University)
- 14.15 Jeroen DUINDAM (Leiden University): “Connected, Entangled, or Comparative? The Global History of Dynasty as an Example”
- 14.35 John WATTS (University of Oxford) and Hilde DE WEERDT: “Towards a Comparative Political History: Mediation and Communication, c. 1000-1500”
- 14.55 Discussion
- 15.40 Coffee
- 16.00 *Keynote lecture* (Chair: Hilde DE WEERDT)
Jean-Philippe GENET (University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne): “Language and Political Communication in France and England, c. 1100-1500: A Comparison”
- 17.30 Welcoming reception

THURSDAY, 28 MAY

Session 2: Networks from Letters – Towards a New Historiography of Elite Communication (Chair/Discussant: Robert HYMES)

- 09.00 Bernard GOWERS (Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Oxford): “Masculinities and Political Communication, c. 800-1200”
- 09.20 CHU Mingkin (Leiden University) and Julius MORCHE (Leiden University): “Political Elites and Intellectual History: Europe and China”
- 09.40 Discussion
- 10.25 Coffee
- 10.40 Beverly BOSSLER (University of California, Davis): “Yao Mian’s Letters: The Epistolary Networks of a Late Song Literatus”
- 11.00 CHEN Song (Bucknell University): “Slandorous Reports’: Political Communication and Political Culture in Southern Song”
- 11.20 Julian HASELDINE (University of Hull): “Friendship and Social Networks in the Medieval West: The Evidence of Letter Collections”
- 11.40-12.40 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch

Session 3: Political Elites and Imperial Governance (Chair/Discussant: Wim BLOCKMANS, Leiden University)

- 14.00 Margaret MESERVE (University of Notre Dame): “Publicatio in valvis: The Politics of Promulgation in Papal Rome, 1420-1520”
- 14.20 Patricia EBREY (University of Washington): “Informing the Public by Posting Notices in Song China”
- 14.40 Ari Daniel LEVINE (University of Georgia): “Imaginarics of Empire: Constituting Political Communities in Southern Song Memorabilia Literature”
- 15.00 Discussion
- 16.00 Coffee