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### s1233 Remembering Communities in Early Medieval Europe, I: Memory and Authority

Wednesday 4 July 2018: 14.15-15.45

Leeds University Union, Room 2 – Elland Road

Moderator: Ian N. Wood, University of Leeds

### The Memory of the Origins of the First ‘Duchy’ of Aquitaine in the 7th Century

Julien Bellarbre, Université de Cergy-Pontoise /  
Université de Limoges

### Spiritual Genealogies for the Anglo-Saxon Church: Episcopal Lists and Their Communities

Miriam Adan Jones, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

This session addresses the relationship between memory and the construction of authority, considering particularly how leaders of communities were remembered and the role such remembrance played in the formation of communal identities. Julien Bellarbre offers a radical re-interpretation of the received understanding of Aquitaine’s first ruler, Felix. Miriam Adan Jones considers two Anglo-Saxon episcopal lists as ‘spiritual genealogies’ which served to highlight the communities’ relationships with one another and with the wider world.

### s1333 Remembering Communities in Early Medieval Europe, II: Memory and Geography

Wednesday 4 July 2018, 16.30-18.00

Leeds University Union, Room 2 – Elland Road

Moderator: James Michael Harland, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen

### Early Medieval Urban Communities in Britain and Remembering the Roman Past

Mateusz Fafinski, Freie Universität Berlin

### Monks and Missionaries on the Move: Mobility as a Memory or a Motif

Helen Lawson, University of Edinburgh

### Why Jordanes Claimed that the Franks Were Inhabitants of the Lands of the Germans

Robert Kasperski, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa

This session examines the role of geography in the construction of communities, considering particularly how the relationships between people(s) and places were remembered in the Early Middle Ages. Mateusz Fafinski aims to move beyond the continuity/ discontinuity dichotomy when considering the memory of the Roman past in Anglo-Saxon urban communities. Helen Lawson examines the Lives of two saints and what their journeys tell us about their roles in the communities which formed around their remembrance. Robert Kasperski shows how Jordanes constructed a negative memory of the Franks as uncivilized barbarians opposed to the Goths as the true defenders of Gaul.

### s1537 Memory, Community, and Authority in Medieval Iberia: From Peripheries to Cities

Thursday 5 July 2018, 09.00-10.30

Leeds University Union, Room 5 – Kirkstall Abbey

Moderator: Patrick Marschner, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien

Respondent: Jonathan Jarrett, University of Leeds

### Catalonia as a Carolingian Frontier

Cullen Chandler, Lycoming College, Pennsylvania

### Memory, Territory, and Unity: Ecclesiastical Geography and the Integration Process in the Visigothic Kingdom of Toledo

Paulo Pachá, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Rio de Janeiro

### Rights and Memory to Run a City: Coimbra’s City Council Archive in Late Medieval Times

Leonor Zozaya-Montes, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

This session presents three cases studies from the Iberian peninsula of the complex relationships between memory, authority, and the construction of communities, considering the differences between approaches taken in cities and on the peripheries. Cullen Chandler offers a re-assessment of Carolingian Catalonia, focussing on the concept of ‘frontier’ and the relationships between kings and local aristocrats. Paulo Pachá examines the role of churchmen in creating memories that could be utilized for integrating the peninsula into a single kingdom. Leonor Zozaya-Montes explores the town council archive of Coimbra to discover what the acts of selecting documents to be filed say about the role of memory in running a city.

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