



TALLINN UNIVERSITY

Workshop

Performing Gifts: Rituals, Symbolic Communication and Gift-Giving in Medieval and Early Modern Europe

School of Humanities, Tallinn University

Uus-Sadama 5, Tallinn, Estonia

August 23–24, 2019

Friday, August 23

10:00–10:15 Introduction

Morning session chaired by Marek Tamm (Tallinn University)

10:15–11:45 **Gadi Algazi (Tel Aviv University)**. Medieval Gifting Practices: Challenges for Historical Research

11:45–12:15 Coffee break

12:15–13:00 **Anna Boeles Rowland (University of Leuven)**. Performing Marriage: Gifts, Material Culture and Consent in Late Medieval London

13:00–14:00 Lunch

Afternoon session chaired by Gadi Algazi (Tel Aviv University)

14:00–14:45 **Sari Katajala-Peltomaa (Tampere University)**. Votive Offerings as Symbolic Communication: Gift Exchange with Saint Nicholas of Tolentino in the 14th and 15th Centuries

14:45–15:30 **Philipp Höhn (University of Halle-Wittenberg)**. Taken Gifts: The Exhibition of Spoils and the Presentation of Maritime Violence in Urban Spaces (Gdansk, Hamburg, Lübeck)

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–16:45 **Sabine Sommerer (University of Zurich)**. Medieval Chairs as Gifts

16:45–17:30 **Martina Hacke (University of Düsseldorf)**. The Gifts of Crowned Popes

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, August 24

Morning session chaired by Miri Rubin

10:00–11:15 **Lars Kjaer (New College of the Humanities, London)**. The Medieval Gift: Between Classical Philosophy and Social Anthropology

11:15–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–12:15 **Gustavs Strenga (Tallinn University)**. Rituals, Symbolical Communication, Gifts and Conflicts: Entrance of Archbishop Silvester Stodewescher in the Riga Cathedral (1449)

12:15–13:00 **Ruth S. Noyes (Novo Nordisk Fonden/National Museum of Denmark)**. “a favoririmi nel desiderio d’una Reliquia...” (Re)moving Relics and Performing Gift Exchange Between Early Modern Florence and Vilnius

13:00–14:00 Lunch

Afternoon session chaired by Lars Kjaer (New College of the Humanities, London)

14:00–14:45 **Irena Kozmanová (Charles University, Prague)**. Christening gifts for princely offspring. A tool to switch over political discourse between the ruler and the estates

14:45 –15:30 **Poul Grinder-Hansen (National Museum of Denmark)**. Giving to the poor after the Lutheran Reformation in Denmark – ideals and reality

15:30–15:45 Coffee break

15:45 –16:30 **Miri Rubin (Queen Mary University of London)**. Concluding remarks and discussion.

17:00 Tour

19:00 Dinner

Please register until August 20: <https://ej.uz/gift-giving>

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