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# PILLAGING SACRED SPACES

**Organisation:**

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## DIACHRONIC AND CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES

While plundering has been an intrinsic part of warfare throughout human history, this workshop will explore the specific notion of pillaging sacred space from diachronic and cross-cultural perspectives. How is looting and destroying sacred space negotiated, conceived, and judged within the framework of conquest? Are individual 'arch-plunderers' discernible in various ancient and medieval cultures? How should we read accounts of pillaging sacred space? The speakers address these and related questions by analysing the plundering histories of particular sites and by tackling broader cultural trends and influences such as economic factors, religious zealotry, and the possibility of creating or enforcing norms.

**Contact and Registration:**

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## THURSDAY, 3rd MAY 2018

- 9:30 **Welcome and Introduction**  
Mabi ANGAR (Cologne) and Yvonne PETRINA (Munich)

### JERUSALEM THROUGH THE CENTURIES Chair: Hansgerd BRAKMANN

- 10:00 Yuval LEVAVI (Ramat Gan)  
**Pillaging the First Temple: Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE**
- 10:45 Galit NOGA-BANAI (Jerusalem)  
**Seconda Casa Gerusalemme – Roma: The Arch of Titus and Jerusalemite Relics in Rome**
- 11:30 Katharina PALMBERGER (Jerusalem)  
**The Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Its History of Plundering**
- 12:15 Lunch Break

### CONSTANTINOPLE AND THE FOURTH CRUSADE Chair: Susanne WITTEKIND

- 14:00 Peter ORTH (Cologne)  
**Plundering Constantinople in 1204. The Latin Accounts**
- 14:45 Mabi ANGAR (Cologne)  
**The Plundering of Hagia Sophia in 1204 as Pictured by Niketas Choniates**
- 15:30 Coffee Break

### THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT Chair: Beate FRICKE

- 16:00 Konstantin KLEIN (Bamberg)  
**Letters of Stone: Narratives of Destruction in the Late Antique East (4th–7th centuries)**
- 16:45 Han Hsien LIEW (Cambridge, MA)  
**Caliph Yazid ibn Mu'awiya's Attack on Mecca and Medina in Islamic Historical Memory**
- 17:30 Eva ORTHMANN (Göttingen)  
**Plundering Hindu and Buddhist Sanctuaries in India under Mahmud of Ghazna**

## FRIDAY, 4th MAY 2018

### PILLAGING IN ANTIQUITY Chair: Karl-Joachim HÖLKEKAMP

- 10:00 Sonya NEVIN (Roehampton)  
**Pillaging Sacred Space in Late Archaic and Classical Greek Warfare**
- 10:45 Sema KARATAŞ (Cologne)  
**How to Plunder Thoroughly? – C. Verres and the Sacred Island of Sicily**
- 11:30 Béatrice CASEAU (Paris)  
**Religious Rage or Economic Reasons: Pillaging Sacred Spaces in Late Antiquity**
- 12:15 Lunch Break

### PILLAGING IN THE MIDDLE AGES Chair: Sabine von HEUSINGER

- 14:00 Miriam CZOCK (Duisburg-Essen)  
**Pillaging Churches in the West During the Early Middle Ages**
- 14:45 Susanne WITTEKIND (Cologne)  
**Cities Destroyed, Treasures Removed. How Medieval Chronicles Report on Pillaging in the Iberian Peninsula**
- 15:30 Felicitas SCHMIEDER (Hagen)  
**The Mongolian Sack of Bagdad in 1258 and Its Perception in the West**
- 16:15 **Final Discussion**