



## **Constructing and Performing Hope in the Premodern World**

Tampere University, City Centre Campus,  
**main building, lecture room C9**  
13.–14.4.2023

Conference internet pages:  
<https://events.tuni.fi/hope2023/>

### **THURSDAY (13.4.2023)**

#### **Welcome and opening words (09.15-09.30)**

**Keynote presentation (09.30-10.25):** Stavroula Constantinou (University of Cyprus):  
Embodied Hope: Rituals of Healing in Byzantine Miracle Stories (chair Oana Cojocaru)

#### **Coffee (10.25-10.45)**

#### **Session 1 (10.45- 12.00): Cultural approaches to hope (chair Sari Katajala-Peltomaa)**

Ville Vuolanto (Tampere University): Hope as an emotion, virtue, and practice in the Roman World

Antti Lampinen (Finnish Institute of Athens): The Role of Hope and Futurity in the Later Imperial Historiography on Outgroups

Sari Kivistö (Tampere University): Hope, nostalgia, and the use of emotions in early modern medicine

#### **Lunch (12.00-13.15)**

#### **Session 2 (13.15 - 14.30): Communities and strategies (chair Sanna Joska)**

Olympia Bobou (Aarhus University): Communal hopes for the future

Jyrki Nissi (Tampere University): Latter-Day Lazaruses – Hoping to Avoid Death in the Late Middle Ages

Ilkka Leskelä (University of Helsinki): A network of hope? Mutual benefits of having a canon as a Hanseatic business partner

**Refreshments (14.30-15.00)**

**Keynote presentation (15.00-15.55):** Esther Eidinow (University of Bristol): From Superstition to Agency: Ancient and Modern Approaches to ‘Hope’ (chair Ville Vuolanto)

**Break (15.55-16.10)**

**Session 3 (16.10-17.25): Commemoration** (chair April Pudsey)

Kristin Harper (Missouri State University): *regna celestia tango*: Seeking Hope in Late Antique Funerary Verse Inscription

Colleen Kron (The Ohio State University / Stockholm University): *Et reparatus item vivis in Elysiis*: Realizing Eschatological Futures in Roman Verse Epitaphs

Luisa Andriollo (University of Pisa): Voices at the threshold: emotional bonds, spiritual expectations, and worldly ambitions in some middle Byzantine epitaphs

**Dinner (Sorella Restaurant 18.30)**

**FRIDAY (14.4.2023)**

**Keynote presentation (09.15-10.10):** Jenni Kuuliala (Tampere University): Infirmity, Hope, and Lived Religion in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe (chair Oana Cojocaru)

**Coffee (10.10-10.30)**

**Session 4 (10.30-11.45) Family and everyday life** (chair Saku Pihko)

Oana Cojocaru (Tampere University): Family crisis and the construction of hope in Michael Psellos’s funeral oration for his daughter

April Pudsey (Manchester Metropolitan University): Hope and Affection in Family Strategy: Fostering, Adoption and Care-giving in Roman and Late Roman Egypt

Sanna Joska (The National Archives of Finland): Any Room for Hope? Futurity and Hope in Commemorations of Children in Imperial Rome

**Lunch 11.45-13.00**

**Session 5 (13.00-14.15): Narrativity and experience**

(chair Jenni Kuuliala)

Barbara Crostini (Uppsala University): Looking back for hope: patterns of salvation and positive performances in the synagogue at Dura Europos (3rd century)

Elise Pihlajaniemi (University of Turku): “The Smallest Ant in Your Kingdom” – Approaching St. Bridget’s Concepts of Hope Through Contemplation and Bodily Practices

Saku Pihko (Tampere University): Heretical Hope: Striving for Salvation in Medieval Languedoc

**Refreshments (14.15 - 14.35)**

**Final remarks & publication plans (14.35 – c. 15.30)**

(chair Ville Vuolanto)

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