



Constructing and Performing Hope in the Premodern World

Tampere University, City Centre Campus,
main building, lecture room C9
13.–14.04.2023

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

THURSDAY (13.04.2023)

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

Coffee (10.25-10.45)

Session 1 (10.45- 12.00): Cultural approaches to hope

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

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'

Break (15.55-16.10)

Session 3 (16.10-17.25): Commemoration

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 (14.04.2023)

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

Coffee (10.10-10.30)

Session 4 (10.30-11.45) Family and everyday life

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

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)

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