



## **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 (10.00-10.15)**

#### **Session 1 (10.15-11.00): Cultural approaches to hope**

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

#### **Coffee (11.00-11.20)**

#### **Session 1 continues (11.20- 12.10): (chair Sari Katajala-Peltomaa)**

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

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

#### **Lunch (12.10 -13.50)**

#### **Session 2 (13.50 - 15.10): 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

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

**Refreshments (15.10-15.30)**

**Keynote presentation (15.30-16.25):** Esther Eidinow (University of Bristol): From Superstition to Agency: Ancient and Modern Approaches to 'Hope' (chair Ville Vuolanto)

**Break (16.25-16.40)**

**Session 3 (16.40-17.30): Commemoration** (chair Sari Kivistö)

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

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

**Dinner (Sorella Restaurant 18.30)**

**FRIDAY (14.4.2023)**

**Keynote presentation (09.45-10.40):** Jenni Kuuliala (Tampere University): Infirmity, Hope, and Lived Religion in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe (chair Oana Cojocaru)

**Coffee break (10.40-10.55)**

**Session 4 (10.55 -11.45) Family and everyday life** (chair Saku Pihko)

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

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

**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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