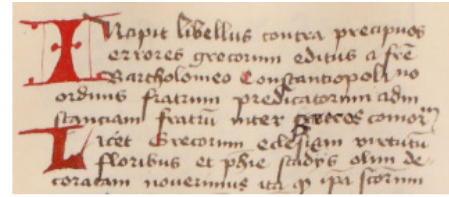


Research colloquium

“Confronting the Christian ‘other’: East-West relations in the Middle Ages



(Vienna, Bibl. Nat. 1588)

The separation of the Latin Church of the West and the Churches of the Christian East cannot be traced back to a single event, but was the result of a variety of historical events and mutual perceptions as well as political strategies. Relations between the East and the West were shaped not only by (official) Church politics but included a wide range of cultural encounter. It is this multi-faceted picture that needs to be examined in a more profound way to better understand the attempts of “union” from the early Middle Ages up to the threshold of the modern period.

The Colloquium intends to collect current research and to identify new research agendas in the wider field of (theological) relations between East and West. A certain focus will be on the modes or styles of theological argumentation as well as on parameters that supported (or hindered) ecclesial dialogue between the rivalling parties. Last but not least, the colloquium hopes to provide a forum for junior scholars which may initiate an ongoing fruitful exchange.

Contributions will touch upon the following range of topics

- ✓ roles and activities of religious orders with respect to relations between the East and the West
- ✓ forms, argumentations and dissemination of polemical writings targeting the respective Christian ‘other’
- ✓ ecumenical ecclesiology and models for a union of the churches
- ✓ anti-Latin/pro-Latin movements and positions in Byzantium

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