

Hagiography has a relevant place in the Anglo-Saxon literature. Its earliest examples date back to Bede. Different kinds of hagiographic works were at first written in Latin (e.g. Aldhelm, Alcuin) and later on in the vernacular, influencing a significant portion of Old English poetry, too. This project is devoted to the prose Lives of Saints written in the last two centuries of the Anglo-Saxon period. One of the main features of this period is the intent, which is so evident in the texts that are the object of study, of translating hagiographic material to make it available to an audience that could only master Old English. This venture was carried out by Ælfric, but also by anonymous authors, who adapted Latin hagiographic texts in order to guarantee their widest possible diffusion.

The project also aims at providing the scientific community with a series of additional electronic resources with automated search and consultation functions. These products will contribute to a better understanding of Ælfric's and anonymous Lives of Saints.

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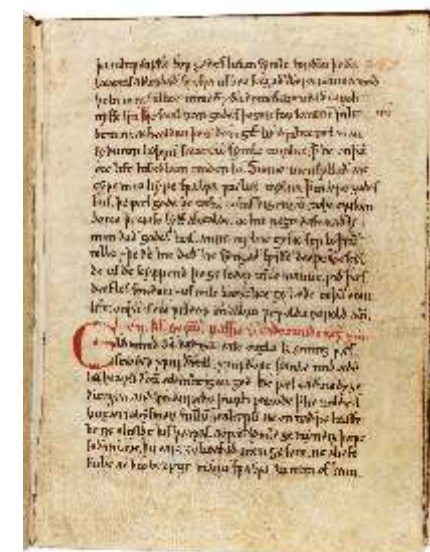


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Thursday November 8th

9.00 Opening addresses

9.30 Joyce Hill (University of Leeds)
The Context of Ælfric's Saints' Lives

10.15 Catherine Cubitt (University of York)
Reading 10-11th Benedictine Hagiography against the Politics of the Reign of Æthelred

Discussion

Break

11.30 Loredana Lazzari (University of Rome, LUMSA)
Kingship and Sainthood in Ælfric: Oswald and Edmund

12.00 Loredana Teresi (University of Palermo)
Sainly Places and Itineraries in Ælfric's *Lives of Saints*

Discussion

Afternoon

14.45 Rolf Bremmer (University of Leiden)
Honour and Shame in Ælfric's *Lives of Saints*

15.30 Susan Irvine (University College London)
Hanging by a Thread: Racks and Crosses in Ælfric's Saints' Lives

Discussion

16.30 Winfried Rudolf (University of Göttingen)
The Selection and Revision of *Verba Seniorum* in Worcester, Cathedral Library, MS F.48

17.15 Concetta Giliberto (University of Palermo)
The *Descensus ad inferos* in the Old English Prose Life of St Guthlac and Vercelli Homily xxiii

17.45 Filippa Alcamesi (University of Palermo) - Giuseppe D. De Bonis (University of Naples «L'Orientale»)
Lives of Saints: A Project on Hagiography in Anglo-Saxon England

Discussion

Friday November 9th

9.00 Claudia Di Sciacca (University of Udine)
'concupita, quaesita, ac petita solitudinis secreta': The Call of the Desert in Bede's *Vita S. Cuthberti* and Ælfric's *Life of St Cuthbert*

9.30 Andrea Meregalli (University of Milan)
The Old Norse *Vitae patrum*: The Text and its Context

Discussion

Break

10.45 Rosalind Love (University of Cambridge)
Folcard of Saint-Bertin and the Anglo-Saxon Saints at Thorney

11.30 Patrizia Lendinara (University of Palermo)
Forgotten Missionaries

Discussion

12.10 Posters

Roberta Bassi (University of Grenoble)
St Oswald in Early English Chronicles and Narratives

Claudio Cataldi (University of Palermo)
St Andrew in the Old English Homiletic Tradition

Maria Caterina De Bonis (University of Potenza)
An Unfinished Drawing of St Benedict in a Neglected Manuscript of the *Regula Sancti Benedicti* (Cambridge, Trinity College, MS O.2.30)

Conclusion

Afternoon

14.45 «From Augustine's Chair to Peter's Throne»: Visit to the Vatican Necropolis under St Peter's Basilica



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