



Call for Participation

Coinage and Economy of the Early Medieval Mediterranean: A Colloquium

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@ American Numismatic Society, New York City

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[Networks and Neighbours](#) (N&N) is thrilled to be organizing this international numismatics colloquium at the [American Numismatic Society](#) (ANS) in New York City. This colloquium gathers scholars to NYC to work together for a few days with the renowned ANS collection and address questions relating to the currency. Speakers and guests will consider problems of materiality, identity, images and art, economy, minting, metallurgy and mining, as well as pertinent political, religious and cultural matters of Iberia and the broader Mediterranean economy in the Visigothic period.

The ANS collection of Visigothic coins is the largest in the world, comprised of over 900 imitative, pseudo-imperial and Visigothic gold pieces. It includes specimens of all the major kings of the early medieval kingdom and one usurper (Iudila) and represents a great number of the nearly one hundred mint sites in Iberia. A couple hundred of the coins can be traced back to nineteenth-century collectors such as Rafael Cervera and Luiz José Ferreira, and many of Cervera's coins can be traced to the exceptional seventh-century hoard of La Capilla near Seville.

In this colloquium, we will engage a range of artifacts and research methods over the course of a keynote and four plenary seminars, each with a presenter and a discussant. The keynote will prompt questions and encourage debate about methodological and historiographical issues related to the research and history of early medieval coins from around the Mediterranean. The rest of the colloquium will be divided according to complementing topics: the Visigothic coin collection and the historical, archaeological, archival and other issues involved in interpreting, narrating, uncovering and preserving the collection; issues of economy, circulation and identity in the Iberian Peninsula during the Visigothic period; and, the wider early medieval economy of the Mediterranean.

The program for the colloquium is nearly full, but we **warmly invite** students, scholars and others interested in the topic to attend. To register your interest in participating, please write to us at: networksandneighbours@gmail.com. For more information, please see the colloquium website www.visigothiccoins.org, the N&N website, or email us.

As with all N&N events, this colloquium is entirely fees-free and open to anyone, and all pertinent costs for speakers are covered. The event will be [vegetarian] catered and followed by a formal dinner.

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