



Coinage and Economy of the Early Medieval Mediterranean: A Colloquium

26-27 September 2019

@ American Numismatic Society, New York City &
Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY)

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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 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, plenary seminars, and a numismatic workshop. 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.

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 or the N&N website, www.networksandneighbours.org. As with all N&N events, this colloquium is entirely fees-free, open to anyone, and [vegetarian] catered. N&N would like to thank [The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation](#) for their exceptional support.

PROGRAM

Thursday (26 September 2019) – Richard Harris Terrace, BMCC

- 5:00-5:15 Welcome and Introduction: **Michael J. Kelly** (Binghamton University, SUNY)
Andrew Kurt (Clayton State University)
Nicole Lopez-Jantzen (BMCC, CUNY)
- 5:15-7:00 Keynote seminar: **Alan Stahl** (Princeton University)
“The Mediterranean Origins of Visigothic Coinage”
Respondents: **Merle Eisenberg** (Princeton University)
Jane Sancinoto (Oberlin College & Conservatory)
- 7:45 Dinner

Friday (27 September 2019) – American Numismatic Society

- 9:00 – 10:15 Seminar 1 Visigothic Coins: **Andrew Kurt** (Clayton State University)
Ruth Pliego (Universidad de Sevilla)
“Problems Regarding Coinage in the Visigothic Realm”
- 10:15 - 10:30 coffee break



- 10:30 - 12:30 Workshop on Visigothic Coins: **Andrew Kurt** (Clayton State University)
David Yoon (American Numismatic Society)
- 12:30 – 1:30 lunch
- 1:30 – 2:45 Seminar 2 Iberian Economy 1: **Paolo Tedesco** (Universität Tübingen)
“Situating the Iberian Economy”
Respondent: **Noel Lenski** (Yale University)
- 2:45- 4:00 Seminar 3 Iberian Economy 2: **Javier Martínez Jiménez** (Cambridge University)
“Municipal Economies in Visigothic Hispania”
Respondent: **Jamie Wood** (Lincoln University)
“Ecclesiastical Economics in post-Roman Hispania”
- 4:00 – 4:15 coffee break
- 4:15 - 5:30 Seminar 4 Wider History & Economy: **Paulo Pachá** (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)
“What is it Worth? Coinage and the Process of Political Integration in the Visigothic Kingdom of Toledo”
Respondent: **Sabrina Orlowski** (Universidad Nacional de La Plata)
- 5:30-5:45 Concluding Remarks - **Michael J. Kelly** (Binghamton University, SUNY)