

**The Northern/Early Medieval Interdisciplinary Conference
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**Interrogating the 'Germanic': A Category and its
Use in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages**

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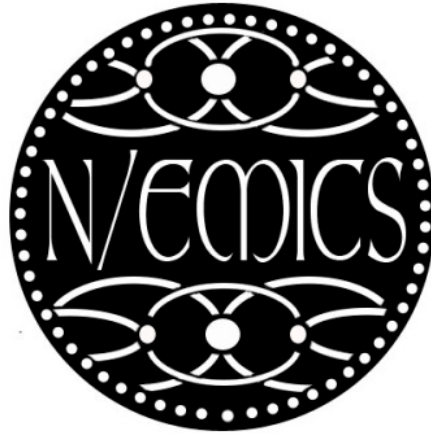
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Conference Programme

13th of May 2016

14:00 **Registration**

14:30 **Tour of Roman and Medieval York**

18:40 **Opening Remarks** (Philip Rahtz Lecture Theatre)

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19:00 **Keynote Lecture: The Marriage of Philology and Race: the
'Germanic' construct and its legacies**

Michael Kulikowski (Professor of History and Classics and Ancient
Mediterranean Studies, Pennsylvania State University)

*To be followed by a wine reception in KG/84, Centre for
Medieval Studies.*

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8:30 **Late Registration and Coffee**

Session 1: Uses of the Germanic, Then and Now
Chair: Eric Lacey (University of Winchester)

9:00 **Rome and its created Northerners**

Roland Steinacher (Freie Universität Berlin)

9:20 **The Balloon that Wouldn't Burst: a Genealogy of "Germanic"**

Cătălin Țăranu (University of Leeds)

9:40 ***Omnes Germani sunt, contra fabulas quorunda*: Re-Inventing the "Germanic" in the Early Modern Era**

Stefan Donecker (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)

10:00 **Discussion**

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2: Roman or Germanic? Interrogating the Late Antique Material Record in Britain

Chair: Heidi Stoner (University of York)

11:00 **A *Habitus Barbarus* in sub-Roman Britain?: Towards a Differential Ontology of Anglo-Saxon Archaeology.**

James M. Harland (University of York)

11:20 **Spearheads of the Anglo-Saxon settlements? Recycled iron and the rejection of a broken paradigm**

Andrew J. Welton (University of Florida)

11:40 **Antiquity and Affiliation: Roman objects and identity in Anglo-Saxon and Merovingian graves.**

Indra Werthmann (Durham University)

12:00 **Discussion**

12:30 **Lunch**

Session 3: Interrogating the 'Germanic' in Late Antique Gaul

Chair: Richard Broome (University of Leeds)

13:30 **How new research into "Germanic Arianism" has shed light on the processes of federate settlement in Gaul (416-476)**

Christine Delaplace (Université de Caen Basse-Normandie)

13:50 **The Construction and Use of "Germanic" and "Barbaric" in the Epistolography of 5th Century Gaul**

Veronika Egetenmeyr (Universität Kiel)

14:10 **Germanic settlers in Roman villas – on the idea of changing ownership of late antique estates in the northwestern Provinces**

Roland Prien (University of Heidelberg)

14:30 **Discussion**

15:00 Coffee Break

Session 4: Interrogating the 'Germanic' in Visual Culture

Chair: Heidi Stoner (University of York)

- 15:30 **Is that a Roman or a Germanic helmet? A case for an archaeology of ambiguity**
- Susanne Hakenbeck (University of Cambridge)
- 15:50 **A critical review of possible 'Germanic' depictions and symbols on late Roman shields. A work report from the first record of late antiquity shield depictions.**
- Marko Jelusić (Universität Freiburg)
- 16:10 **Finding the 'Germanic' in Anglo-Saxon Animal Art.**
- Kataya McKeever-Willis (Independent Scholar)
- 16:30 **Discussion**
- 17:00 Break
- 17:15 **Keynote Lecture: Germanic vs Mediterranean. Archaeological Categorization and Historical Interpretation**
- Philipp von Rummel (Generalsekretär, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut)
- To be followed by a wine reception in KG/84, Centre for Medieval Studies*
- 7:30 **Conference Dinner at The Eagle and Child, High Petergate**

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8:30 **Coffee**

Session 5: Beyond the 'Germanic'. New methodologies for the study of cultural boundaries.

Chair: James Harland (University of York)

9:00 **What can Cultural Anthropology do for Medieval History? A Methodological Analysis of Germanic Ethnology in Early Medieval Scholarship**

Otávio Luiz Vieira Pinto (University of Leeds)

9:20 **(Proto-)Germanic Alliterative Verse: Linguistic Limits on a Cultural Phenomenon**

Nelson Goering (University of Oxford)

9:40 **From Rhetoric to Dialectic: the Becoming 'Germanic' of Visigothic (Legal-)Literature, and the End of a 'Truth'**

Michael J. Kelly (SUNY Binghamton)

10:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 6: New Approaches to Material Cultural Boundaries on the 'Germanic' Frontiers.

Chair: Matthias Friedrich (Universität Freiburg and University of York)

11:00 **Barbarian Coins, Elite Identities and the Birth of Europe**

David Wigg-Wolf (DAInst), Aleksander Bursche (University of Warsaw)

11:20 **Germanic or Slavic? Reconstructing the transition from late antiquity to the early middle ages in East Central Europe**

Sebastian Brather (Universität Freiburg)

11:40 **A Farewell to Arms? Identity in fifth-century Britain.**

Steve Walker (University of Birmingham)

12:00 **Discussion**

12:30 **Lunch**

Session 7: New Approaches to Linguistic Boundaries on the 'Germanic' Frontiers.

Chair: Nik Gunn (University of York)

13:30 **Interrogating the Celto-Germanic: Religious vocabulary, linguistic reconstruction, and cultural identity**

Eric Lacey (University of Winchester)

13:50 **What do Germanic loanwords in Finnish tell about the development of Germanic?**

Mikko Bentlin (Universität Greifswald)

14:10 ***Cotinos Gallica lingua coarguit non esse Germanos*: linguistic labels and ethnic identity**

Ludwig Rübekel (University of Zurich)

14:30 **Discussion**

15:00 **Closing Remarks**

James Harland

15:15 **Conference End**

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