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cordially invites you to a talk by

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“ut iam non minus culpe sit penes hunc qui mala probat ...”.

Lorenzo Valla on the Donation of Constantine

Friday, 28.11.2014, 18:00

Zentrum für Alte Kulturen („Atrium“, Langer Weg 11, SR 5)

Lorenzo Valla's *De falso credita et ementita Constantini donatione*, or *On the Donation of Constantine*, constitutes one of the most famous attacks on the foundations of the temporal power of the Popes. Even so, earlier scholarship has sometimes doubted that the oration should be read as political text, and as I shall try to show, Valla himself is far from unequivocal regarding the intended readers of the work. The lecture will address the question of the addressee of the work and it will analyse early reader response, evidenced in some fifteenth-century manuscripts.