



WG2 Hybrid Meeting
SOCIAL LANDSCAPES OF PRAYER
Preliminary Program
Budapest, 3–4 September 2026

Location: ELTE Faculty of Humanities (BTK), Múzeum körút 4, 1088 Budapest
Building A, 1st floor, room 144 (Dékáni Kis Tanácsterem)

Link for online participation:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/329228833011142?p=29Wn99CBgEADhELiKf>

Thursday 3 September

- 09:00 – 09:20 Registration, welcome & coffee
- 09:20 – 10:50 **Session 1: Performing prayer**
Chair: Gábor Farkas Kiss
Vassilis Vavoulis - Devotion on Display: Social and Rhetorical Judgment in the Venetian Quaresima (1672–1678)
Marios Hatzopoulos (online) - Ceremonial Prayer in the Greek Revolution (1821-1829)
Konstantinos Giakoumis - Prayer Practices in Saints' Feast Days in the Light of their Services (Akolouthiae), Glimpses from the Akolouthiae of the Holy Seven Saints, St John Vladimir and St Nikodemos (1690-1781)
- 10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break
- 11:20 – 12:30 **Session 2: Transmitting prayer in texts**
Chair: Dávid Falvay
Ángel Manuel Olmos Sáez - Baseline Bayesian Phylogenetic Reconstruction of European Nativity Vespers Sources
Federico Rossi - A Neglected Prayer Book Typology: Office Prayers and Passion Narratives in Fourteenth-Century Italy
- 12:30 – 15:00 Lunch served at ELTE & getting to the National Library (it takes ca. 30 minutes)
- 15:00 – 17:00 **Manuscript viewing** session at the National Library with Ágnes Korondi
- 17:00 – 17:45 A walk in the castle area (optional, if we have time)
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Common dinner, TBA**

Friday 4 September

- 09:00 – 09:10 Registration & coffee
- 09:10 – 10:40 **Session 3: Creating communities of prayer I**
Chair: Ottó Gecser
Marcela Londoño Rendón (online) - Informal Networks of Devotion in Early Modern Iberia
Rūta Bruževica - Craft guilds as spaces of prayer in Late Medieval Livonia
Öznur Özdemir - Eco-theological Analysis of Rain Prayers as a Case of Participatory Prayer in Islamic History (7th–11th centuries)
- 10:40 – 11:10 Coffee break
- 11:10 – 12:40 **Session 4: Creating communities of prayer II**
Chair: Iliana Kandzha
Giulia Zanon - Practices of prayer through the lens of confraternal booklets in early modern Venice
Ceyda Gürman (online) - The Social Landscape of Prayer in Mamluk Damascus: Public Visibility and Spiritual Secrecy in al-Subkī's Ramadan Texts
Xosé M. Sánchez Sánchez (online) - Pro anima formulae and micro-texts of salvation: the everyday making of Purgatory in medieval NW Iberia
- 12:40 – 14:10 Lunch served at ELTE
- 14:10 – 15:10 **Session 5: Praying with devotional objects and images**
Chair: Ottó Gecser
Viktor Nedeski - Eucharistic Scenes in the Wall Paintings of Saint Sophia in Ohrid as a Visualization of Byzantine Liturgical Identity in the 11th Century
Genti Kruja - Prayer as Material and Cultural Practice: Material Culture of Worship in Medieval and Early Modern Albania
- 15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Conclusion and plans for WG2**