

## Silvio Roggo

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Since October 2022: Postdoc at the DFG-funded project 'Commentary on John of Ephesus' Ecclesiastical History' at the Goethe University Frankfurt (D)

October 2018-July 2022: PhD in History at the University of Cambridge (UK)

- Title: 'The Conflict over the Patriarchate of Constantinople under Eutychios and John Scholastikos (552-582) and its Impact on Imperial Religious Policy'
- Supervisor: Prof Peter Sarris
- Full Cambridge International Scholarship, awarded by the Cambridge International Trust, 2018-2021
- A.G. Leventis Foundation Scholarship, 2018-2021
- Funded research stay at the Hardt Foundation in Geneva (3 weeks), March 2022
- Research stay at the Patriarchal Institute, Thessaloniki (1 week), October 2021
- Funded research stay at the German Archaeological Institute (DAI) in Istanbul (6 weeks), September-October 2019

October 2016-June 2017: MSt in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies at the University of Oxford (UK)

- Special subject: Arabic language and literature
- Supervisors: Prof Bryan Ward-Perkins and Prof Phil Booth
- Graduated with distinction (73/100)
- Oxford Centre of Byzantine Research Graduate Prize, offered for the best performance in the 2017 Master of Studies Examinations

October 2014-August 2016: MA in Ancient History at the University of Heidelberg (G)

- Thesis: 'Military Revolts in Late Antique Roman North Africa'
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Christian Witschel and Prof. Dr. Kai Trampedach
- Graduated with distinction (1.3/1)

September 2012-June 2014: BA in History (Major) and Latin (Minor) at the University of Fribourg (CH)

- Graduated with *summa cum laude* honours (5.57/6)

### Publications

#### *Books*

- 'Eustratius Presbyter: Life of Eutychius and Life of Golinduch' (forthcoming in the TTH series of Liverpool University Press; co-authored with Philip Booth, Averil Cameron, and Stephen Shoemaker)
- 'Church and Crown in Constantinople: Religious Conflict under Justin II and Tiberius' (revised version of my PhD thesis, considered for publication by Oxford University Press, pending peer review)

#### *Peer-reviewed articles*

- 'Chalcedonian bishops in the 'pagan affair' of 580'. *Millennium 21* (forthcoming 2024)

- 'The deposition of patriarch Eutychius of Constantinople in 565 and the aphanthartodocetic edict of Justinian', *Byzantion* 89 (2019), 433-446

#### *Peer-reviewed book chapters*

- 'The Empress Sophia Reconsidered' In: Ch. Rollinger/N. Viermann (eds.), *Empresses-in-waiting: Power, Performance, and the Female Court of the Later Roman Empire*. Liverpool University Press (2024), 97-113
- 'Justinien et le nouvel Empire' In: F. Massa (ed.), *Les interactions religieuses dans l'Antiquité tardive: méthodologie, notions, documents*. Basel: Schwabe (forthcoming 2024)

#### *Others*

- Book review of 'Lucy Parker: Symeon Stylites the Younger and Late Antique Antioch', *HSozKult*, 2023
- Entries in the Cult of Saints database on the 'Life of Eutychios':  
<http://csla.history.ox.ac.uk/record.php?recid=E03093>;  
<http://csla.history.ox.ac.uk/record.php?recid=E08515>;  
<http://csla.history.ox.ac.uk/record.php?recid=E08518>

#### **Teaching**

- Course on Cornelius Nepos' *De viris illustribus*, April-July 2024, University of Frankfurt
- Course on Procopius' *Secret History*, April-July 2023, University of Frankfurt
- Guest lecture in active Latin at the gymnasium 'Einstein Lyceum' in Hoogvliet (The Netherlands), upon invitation from the school, May 2022
- Supervisor for the Part IB Classics papers 3 and 4 'Latin Unseen Translation', November 2020-June 2021, University of Cambridge
- Lecturer and Supervisor for the Part II History paper 'The Near East in the Age of Justinian and Muhammad', December 2019-March 2020, University of Cambridge
- Tutor for first-year undergraduates at the department of Ancient History, University of Heidelberg, acquainting them with the research methods of ancient history, October 2015-February 2016

#### **Service**

- Organiser of the panel 'Eutychius of Constantinople', Oxford Patristics Conference, 5-9 August 2024 (with J. Zachhuber)
- Organiser of the conference 'Securing Power in the Sixth-Century Roman Empire', University of Cambridge, 7-8 December 2021 (with M. Hassall)
- Co-convenor of the Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminar (CLANS), 2019/20
- Co-convenor of the Cambridge Graduate Early Medieval Seminar (GEMS), 2019/20
- Organiser of the conference 'Ruling an Empire in a Changing World: Studies on Origin, Impact, and Reception of the *Notitia Dignitatum*', Freiburg (Germany), 20-23 November 2019 (with M. Jelusic and A. Kaiser)

- Researcher for the weekly newsletter of the Middle East and North Africa Forum (MENAF) at the University of Cambridge, responsible for the sections on Turkey, North Africa, and Oil and Gas, January-July 2020

### **Invited lectures**

- 'Reprehensible miaphysites and impeccable Chalcedonians: the paradoxical depiction of bishops in John of Ephesus's Church History', workshop 'The (Im-) Perfection of Clerics in Late Antiquity', Leuven, April 2024
- 'Einführung in das DFG-Projekt zur Kirchengeschichte des Johannes von Ephesos' (Introduction into the DFG-funded project on John of Ephesus' Ecclesiastical History), colloquium of the Swiss Association for Patristics, Fribourg, March 2024
- 'Kritische Bemerkungen zum ersten Buch der Kirchengeschichte des Johannes von Ephesos' (Critical remarks about the first book of John of Ephesus' Ecclesiastical History), colloquium of the department of Ancient History, Trier, December 2023
- 'Pagan persecution under Tiberius and Maurice (578-602)', Late Antiquity Seminar, Warsaw, February 2023
- 'Justin II and the Miaphysites', Oxford Byzantine Graduate Seminar, Oxford, May 2022
- 'Patriarch Johannes Scholastikos von Konstantinopel und die Verfolgung der Miaphysiten in den 570ern' (Patriarch John Scholastikos of Constantinople and the Persecution of the Miaphysites in the 570s), colloquium of the Leibniz project 'Polyphony of Late Antique Christianity', Frankfurt, February 2022

### **Conference presentations**

- 'The Patriarchal „Pentarchy“ – a fig leaf for Constantinopolitan supremacy?', conference 'The Polycentricity of Late Antiquity', Frankfurt, October 2023
- 'The 'pagan affair' of 580 reconsidered', 53<sup>rd</sup> ARAM Conference on Syriac Christianity, Oxford, July 2023
- 'An unsuccessful assassin's career in Constantinople', International Ancient Warfare Conference, Bonn, June 2023
- 'The construction of sixth-century paganism as a means of denigrating opponents', workshop 'Constructing and Applying Norms in the Roman Empire and Late Antiquity', Cambridge, November 2022
- 'The Miaphysite Persecution of the 570s and the Patriarchs of Constantinople', conference 'Securing Power in the Sixth-Century Roman Empire', Cambridge, December 2021
- 'The mid-sixth century Easter controversy and a sermon of patriarch Eutychios of Constantinople', Postgraduate Work-in-Progress Seminar, Institute of Classical Studies, London, April 2021
- 'The self-portrayal of Eutychios of Constantinople as legitimate patriarch, 577-582', Oxford University Byzantine Society, 23<sup>rd</sup> International Graduate Conference, Oxford, February 2021
- 'Contested hymns: A sixth-century dispute over the Cherubic hymn and the «At your mystical supper» between the patriarchs Eutychios and John Scholastikos', Graduate Early Medieval Seminar, Cambridge, November 2020

- 'Caught between God and emperor: the bishops of Constantinople in the 6th century', Trinity Forum, Trinity College, Cambridge, December 2019
- 'A dissident voice at the end of Justinian's reign: patriarch Eutychius of Constantinople and imperial Aphthartism', 20th Australasian Association for Byzantine Studies Conference, Sydney, July 2019
- 'The church of Constantinople and the end of the Roman Empire', BA Seminar, Trinity College, Cambridge, May 2019
- 'Reinvention of the past: the deposition of patriarch Eutychius of Constantinople as depicted in his Life', Oxford University Byzantine Society, 21<sup>st</sup> International Graduate Conference, Oxford, February 2019

### **Training and experience**

- Language course Armenian (online), University of St Andrews, from September 2023
- Language course Arabic (online), Qasid Arabic Institute, Amman, Jordan, January-March 2023
- Language course Syriac II (online, 3 weeks), Beth Mardutho Institute, Piscataway, New Jersey, June 2022
- Language course Arabic (online), Qasid Arabic Institute, Amman, Jordan, January-March 2022
- Summer school/sailing excursion 'The Peloponnese and the Sea (Ancient Maritime World IV)' (3 weeks), September-October 2021
- Language course Armenian (online), University of Oxford, April-June 2021
- Language course Syriac I (online, 3 weeks), Beth Mardutho Institute, Piscataway, New Jersey, July-August 2020
- Palaeography course Greek (online, 1 week), Central European University, Budapest, July 2020
- Language courses Italian, University of Cambridge Language Centre, October 2018-March 2020
- Ancient Greek as a spoken language (2 weeks), Paideia Institute, Selianitika, Greece, August 2019
- Internship (6 months), writing of reports on recent political issues, organisation of events, Swiss Embassy to Belgium, Brussels, February-July 2018
- Language course Arabic (6 weeks), Qasid Arabic Institute, Amman, Jordan, November-December 2017
- Palaeography course Latin (2 weeks), University of Heidelberg, September 2017
- Student assistant for collecting epigraphic evidence from the *Inscriptiones Graecae*, Special research field 933 on material text cultures (Sonderforschungsbereich 933), University of Heidelberg, October 2015-January 2016
- Student assistant for recording of papyri into a database, Institute of Papyrology, University of Heidelberg, November 2014-January 2015
- Latin and Ancient Greek as spoken languages (8 weeks), Academia Vivarium Novum, Rome, June-August 2014
- English Language course (12 weeks), acquisition of the Certificate of Proficiency (CPE), Oxford, March-June 2012
- Military service, Switzerland, July-November 2011

**Languages**

Mother tongue

German

Modern languages

English (proficient), French (proficient), Dutch (proficient), Italian (intermediate), Arabic (beginner)

Ancient languages

Latin (proficient), Ancient Greek (proficient), Syriac (intermediate), Classical Arabic (intermediate), Armenian (intermediate)