

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SAINTHOOD AND KNOWLEDGE

22–23 October 2026

University of Mostar
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Room 23

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 22

Day 1: Forming Holiness. Ideals, Texts, and Representations.

8:30–9:00 Registration
9:00–9:15 Opening words

Session 1: Body and Soul

Chair: Jelena Jurčić
9:15–9:30 **Marko Jerković:** Controllable Perfection. The Methodical Regulation of Ascetic Practices in the Early Mendicant Orders
9:30–9:45 **Željka Metesi Deronjić:** *Terrible Beauty*. The Aesthetic Experience of Holiness in the Middle Ages
9:45–10:00 **Iva Beljan Kovačić:** Saints and Sexuality. Holiness and Corporeality in Early Modern Bosnian-Herzegovinian and European Catholic Culture
10:00–10:15 Discussion
10:15–10:45 Break

Session 2: Texts and Ideals

Chair: Zsolt Hunyadi
10:45–11:00 **Lucija Krešić Nacevski:** The Misfortune of a Virtuous Man and Early Latin Hagiographic Texts
11:00–11:15 **Hedvig Bubnó:** Hagiographical and Cultural Expectations Toward a Seventh-Century Visigothic Bishop
11:15–11:30 **Luciana Boban, Josip Grubeša, Jelena Jurčić:** Shaping the Saintly Ideal. Bazilije Pandžić and the Textual Construction of Holiness
11:30–11:45 Discussion
11:45–12:15 Break

Session 3: Church and Liturgy

Chair: Lucija Krešić Nacevski
12:15–12:30 **Daniel Patafta:** Mother of Saints. The Ecclesiology of Holiness in Bonaventure and Bernardine of Siena
12:30–12:45 **Ivan Pleše:** The Shaping of Great Lent as a Mechanism for the Constitution and Renewal of the Sainthood of St Gregory Palamas (1341–1368)
12:45–13:00 Discussion
13:00–15:00 Lunch break

Session 4: Discourses and Traditions

Chair: Iva Beljan Kovačić
15:00–15:15 **Andrea Radošević:** Sainthood in the World of Nature in Croatian Glagolitic Sermons
15:15–15:30 **Josip Vučković:** The Representation of Vincent Ferrer’s Sanctity in a Croatian Legend from the First Half of the Sixteenth Century
15:30–15:45 **Divna Mrdeža Antonina:** The Prayer and Consolatory Aspects of Communication with Saints in the Spiritual Poetry of Baro Bettera
15:45–16:00 Discussion
16:00–16:30 Break

Session 5: Performance and Representation

Chair: Marko Jerković
16:30–16:45 **Tina Laco:** (Re)-Thinking Sainthood through Theatre
16:45–17:00 **Maja Matasović:** Saints on Stage. How School Plays Complement the Education in Jesuit System of Studies
17:00–17:15 **Denis Kuzmanović:** Saints and Relics. Pardoner’s Profane Performance in Chaucer’s *The Canterbury Tales*
17:15–17:30 Discussion

Friday, October 23

Day 2: Enacting Holiness. Power, Politics, and Social Practices.

Session 1: Authority and Power

Chair: Rudolf Barišić
9:00–9:15 **Gábor Barabás:** “Iuxta sanctorum instituta: regis videlicet beati Stephani et sanctissimi Polonorum patroni Adalberti”. Saints, Sainthood and the Piast-Árpadian Relations in Medieval Narrative Sources
9:15–9:30 **Gergely Kiss:** The Role of the Sainthood in Expressing and Maintaining Dynastic Identity in the Angevin Dynasty in the First Half of the Fourteenth Century (Naples, France, Hungary, and Dauphiné)
9:30–9:45 **Anna Kis-Kádi:** The Living Memory of the Saint Ancestors. Traces of Identity and Devotion in the Inventory of Mary of Hungary
9:45–10:00 **Endre Sashalmi:** Types of Saints and Legitimation of Power in Simon Ushakov’s Icon Called “The Planting of the Tree of the Russian State” (1663)
10:00–10:30 Discussion
10:30–11:00 Break

Session 2: Cults and Canonization

Chair: Gergely Kiss
11:00–11:15 **Zsolt Hunyadi:** From John the Baptist to Saint Ubaldesca. Particular Features of the Cult of Saints in the Order of the Hospitallers and the Templars
11:15–11:30 **Ágnes Maléth:** A Forgotten Petition. Recontextualizing a Fourteenth-Century Document for Margaret of Hungary’s Canonization
11:30–11:45 **Ivan Marjanović:** Fragmented Sanctity. The Early Cult of Augustine Kažotić between Trogir, Zagreb and Lucera
11:45–12:00 **Ivan Armanda:** The Relics of Blessed Julian of Bale (13th century – ca. 1349) and Their Veneration
12:00–12:30 Discussion
12:30–14:30 Lunch break

Session 3: Memory and Recognition

Chair: Daniel Patafta
14:30–14:45 **Rudolf Barišić:** Heroes and Men of Merit, but No Saints. Waves of Memory and the Absence of Canonized Bosnian Franciscans
14:45–15:00 **Matej Hriberšek:** Saints and Venerable Persons in the Life and Work of Slovenian and Croatian Franciscans
15:00–15:15 **Anđelka Raguž, Matea Džaja:** “I know not what I shall do with you.” Margery Kempe and Her Bid for Sainthood
15:15–15:30 Discussion
15:30–16:00 Break

Session 4: Communities and Sacred Space

Chair: Ágnes Maléth
16:00–16:15 **Tomislav Matić:** To Offer a Helping Hand. Late Medieval Pilgrimages, Pardons and Cults of Saints in Croatian Pokuplje
16:15–16:30 **András Forgó:** A Sacred Landscape in Transition. The Marian Shrine at Szentkút (Hungary) in Changing Political and Pastoral Contexts
16:30–16:45 **Eldina Lovaš:** Patron Saints of the Guilds of Osijek at the Turn of the 18th to 19th Century
16:45–17:00 Discussion
17:00–17:15 Closing of the conference

