



**Symposion:  
„Martyrdom in Late Antiquity (300–450 AD)  
History and Discourse, Tradition and Religious Identity“**

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**Program**

**Tuesday, February 22**

**06.00 p.m.**            **Public Evening Lecture**  
Timothy Barnes (Edinburgh)  
Early Christian Hagiography and the Historian

Introduction: Prof. Dr. Dagmar Coester-Waltjen,  
Prof. Dr. Peter Gemeinhardt / Prof. Dr. Johan Leemans

**07.30 p.m.**            Reception

**Wednesday, February 23**

**08.45 a.m.**            Registration

**09.00 a.m.**            Peter Gemeinhardt (Göttingen):  
Vita Antonii oder Passio Antonii? Biographisches Genre und  
martyrologische Topik in der ersten Asketenvita

**10.00 a.m.**            Anthony Dupont (Leuven):  
Augustine's Homiletic Definition of Martyrdom. The Centrality of the  
Martyrs Grace in his Anti-Donatist and Anti-Pelagian Sermones ad  
Populum

**11.00 a.m.**            Coffee / Tea break

**11.30 a.m.**            Hajnalka Tamas (Leuven):  
Eloquia divina populis legere: Scripture, Apologetics and Asceticism  
in the Passio Pollionis

**12.30 a.m.**            Lunch

**02.30 p.m.**            Johan Leemans (Leuven):  
The Martyrdom of Sabas the Goth: A Historical and Literary  
Approach

**03.30 p.m.**            Coffee / Tea break

- 04.00 p.m.** Kate Cooper (Manchester):  
Martyrdom, Memory, and Media Revolutions: Eusebius of Caesarea and the Evolution of a Literary Genre
- 05.00 p.m.** James Corke-Webster (Manchester):  
The Rhetoric of Moral Authority in Eusebius' Martyrs of Palestine
- 06.00 p.m.** Dinner

**Thursday, February 24**

- 09.00 a.m.** Ekkehard Mühlenberg (Göttingen):  
Gregor von Nyssa über den ersten (Stephanus) und über die vierzig Märtyrer von Sebaste
- 10.00 a.m.** Coffee / Tea break
- 10.30 a.m.** Theofried Baumeister (Mainz):  
Zur Entstehung der Märtyrerlegende
- 11.30 a.m.** Steffen Diefenbach (Konstanz):  
Genre und Funktion der gesta martyrum Romanorum
- 12.30 a.m.** End of symposion