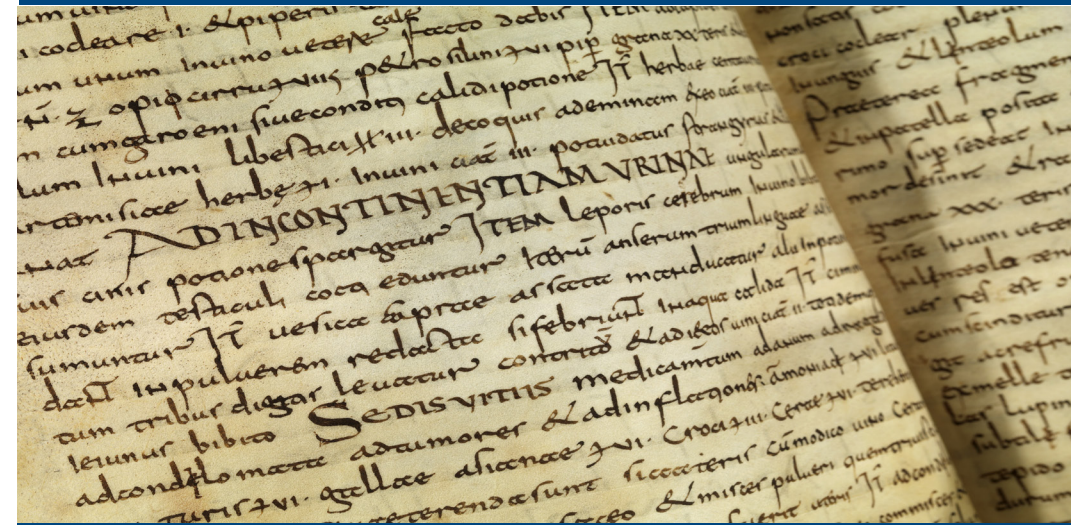


The use of storytelling as a method for humane and effective medical practice goes back to antiquity. This international symposium turns to ancient and medieval healing stories and their postmedieval uses to establish premodern Health Humanities as an important field with a long history and as a basic attitude to human care throughout time. The symposium's speakers belong to a consortium of a Horizon Europe project with the title "Storytelling as *Pharmakon* in Premodernity and Beyond: Training the New Generations of Researchers and Professionals in Health Humanities" (StoryPharm) that has been submitted in the framework of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Doctoral Networks.

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Programme

- 9.00 - 9.30 **Welcome and Short Introduction**
Prof. Dr. Sabine Vogt (Vice-President for Diversity and International Affairs)
Prof. Dr. Kai Nonnenmacher
(Dean of the Faculty of Humanities)
Ingrid Bennewitz/Stavroula Constantinou
- 9.30 - 11.30 **Session I: Miraculous Healings**
- 9.30 - 10.00 **Laurence Totelin (University Cardiff)**
The "Hands of God": *Pharmaka* in Early Christian Miracles
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Stavroula Constantinou (University Cyprus)**
Byzantine Imperial Families as Beneficiaries of Healing Miracles
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Klaus van Eickels (University Bamberg)**
Sin as Disease, Verbalisation as Cure: Coping with Illicit Sexuality in Medieval Narratives
- 11.00 - 11.30 *Discussion*
- 11.30 - 12.00 **Coffee Break**
- 12.00 - 13.00 **Session II: Healing and (Female) Imperial Authority**
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Shaun Tougher (University Cardiff)**
Byzantine Imperial Women and Narratives of Healing and Medicine

- 12.30 - 13.00 *Discussion*
- 13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 - 16.30 **Session III: Doctors, Healing Means and Experiences**
Reading room of the Bamberg State Library
- 14.30 - 15.00 **Maddalena Vaccaro and Amalia Galdi (University Salerno)**
Material and Textual Forms for Healing Experiences and Professionals: Local Devotions and the *Scuola Medica Salernitana* in the Context of Southern Italy
- 15.00 - 15.30 **Susanne Thürigen (GNM, Nürnberg)**
Medical Instruments in Germanisches Nationalmuseum
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Bettina Wagner (Staatsbibliothek Bamberg)**
The *Lorsch Pharmacopoeia*
- 16.00 - 16.30 *Discussion*
- 19.00 **Dinner**