



XV International Numismatic Congress
Taormina, 21-25 September 2015

Round Tables

Provisional Programme

Divina Moneta. Coin finds in religious contexts

Tuesday, 22nd Sept., 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Hotel NH Collection Taormina, via Circonvallazione, 11

Conveners:

Burström, Nanouschka Myrberg (Stockholm University, Sweden) –
Gullbekk, Svein H. (University of Oslo, Norway) –
Ingvardson, Gitte Tarnow (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Abstract: The round table draws on the international and interdisciplinary research programme “Religion and Money: the economy of salvation”. Coin finds in religious contexts open a significant number of questions concerning the conception and use of coins and money, in different geographical and temporal settings. Votive offerings, ritual minting and donations are but a few examples of how coins were, and still are, used as material mediators between humans and gods.

We invite speakers to discuss the use of coins and money for religious purposes from an understanding of coins’ particular material aspects (such as metal, size or iconography) in combination with their connotations in light of different socio-cultural phenomena (such as abundance, kingship or protection). Speakers should relate these aspects, material and ideological, to patterns of deposition in religious contexts and to detailed numismatic evidence, drawing on cases of coins from different historical, geographical and numismatic contexts.

	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Interventions</i>
	Burström, Nanouschka M. (Stockholm University, Sweden)	<i>Moderator</i>
	Ingvardson, Gitte T. (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)	<i>Moderator</i>
9.00 am	Burström, Nanouschka M. (Stockholm University, Sweden)	<i>Introduction</i>
9.10 am	Houlbrook, Ceri (University of Manchester, UK)	<i>‘So Money Really Does Grow On Trees’: the British coin-tree custom</i>
9.30 am	Kelleher, Richard (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge)	<i>Pilgrims, Pennies and the Ploughzone: folded coins in Medieval Britain</i>
9.50 am	Naismith, Rory (University of Cambridge, UK)	<i>Pecuniary Profanities? Money and ritual in the Early Middle Ages</i>
10.10 am	Perassi, Claudia (Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy)	<i>Baptism and Coins in Late Antiquity. Written sources and numismatic finds reconsidered</i>
10.30 am	Blessed water and coffee break	
11.00 am	Audy, Florent (Stockholm University, Sweden)	<i>A link to the past? The ritual use of Roman coins in Viking Age graves</i>
11.20 am	Horsnæs, Helle (National Museum, Denmark)	<i>Sacred or Secular? The roles of landscape, tradition and social context for the function of Roman coins in a non-Roman environment</i>
11.40 am	Kemmers, Fleur (JW Goethe University, Germany)	<i>Worthless? The practice of offering counterfeit coinage in Roman religious contexts</i>
12.00	Valuable oxygen break	
12.10 pm	Ehrnsten, Frida (National Museum, Finland)	<i>A Cheap Salvation? Post-reformational offerings in Finnish churches</i>
12.30 pm	Gullbekk, Svein H. (University of Oslo, Norway)	<i>Medieval Scandinavian Women in Search of Salvation</i>
12.50 pm	Discussion and questions	
13.15 pm	Wigg-Wolf, David (German Archaeological Institute, Frankfurt/Main, Germany)	<i>Final Comment</i>
1.30 pm	End of Round Table	