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Saint Anne's Cult in Late Medieval Hungary (14th-16th centuries): the *Trinubium* Legend



at **17:30** on **Tuesday, April 1 Faculty Tower, Room 409**, CEU, Nádor u. 9, Budapest

The veneration of St. Anne was far from being uncontroversial in the Middle Ages, due to its apocryphal origin, the saint's *vitae*, and the theological debates regarding the conception of her daughter, the Virgin Mary. The surviving textual sources of her cult from late medieval Hungary are mostly sermons and legends written in Franciscan environment. By analyzing and comparing them with foreign *sermo* models we can follow the development of the cult in Central Europe. This framework enables us to better understand the Hungarian sermons written by two renowned preachers of the time, Oswaldus de Lasko and Pelbartus de Themeswar, not analyzed so far. The few existing studies on the written sources of St. Anne's cult in medieval Hungary survey only her legends preserved in manuscripts of Hungarian provenance. The Teleki, Kazinczy and Érdy codices were mainly intended to be read by various types of audience. I examine these works in a broader context of theological debates around Saint Anne's figure, and focus on the various ways in which the scribes presented the saint's *vita* in ecclesiastical environment.

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Wine and snacks afterwards!