

International Workshop to be held at the University of Verona (Italy),

11 February 2022, organized by Dr. Giulia Pedrucci

Mothers in the Time of the Church Fathers:

*Maternal Thought and Maternal Practice between Normative
Representations and Individual Transgressions*

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Program

[Introductory papers]

Chair: **Giulia Pedrucci** (Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany – University of Verona, Italy)

13:00 **Sonia Giusti** (University of Cassino, Italy), *Costruzione storico-culturale di uno stereotipo: la donna come madre amorosa e sposa ubbidiente*

13:20 **Gabriella Aragione** (University of Strasbourg, France) *Motherhood: A Controversial Topic in Ancient Christian Thought (Fourth and Fifth Centuries)*

13:40 **Cristina Soraci** (University of Catania, Italy), *Physical motherhood and spiritual motherhood between theory and practice: some Late Antique examples*

14:00 Discussion

[Papers on specific authors]

Chair: **Roberta Franchi** (University of Firenze, Italy)

14:40 **Ilaria Ramelli** (Università Cattolica, Milano, Italy), *Maternity in De infantibus praemature abreptis by Gregory of Nyssa: Between Consolation and Restoration*

15:00 **Giulia Pedrucci** (Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Germany – University of Verona, Italy), *The “hysterical pregnancy” of the Pythia: female sexuality in the reinterpretation of the Greek myth by Origen and John Chrysostom*

15:20 **Rosa Marina Sáez** (University of Zaragoza, Spain), *Church fathers and mothers’ education in the Juan Luis Vives’ De institutione feminae Christianae*

15:40 Discussion

[Papers on saints and martyrs]

Chair: **Cristina Soraci** (University of Catania, Italy)

16:20 **Isabella D’Auria** (University Federico II, Naples, Italy), *Madri di martiri bambini: modelli di maternità in Prudenzio Peristephanon 10*

16:40 **Roberta Franchi** (University of Firenze, Italy), *Following the Maccabean Mother: Motherhood and its Implications in Ancient Christianity*

17:00 **Mary Dunn** (Saint Louis University, US), *Motherhood Transfigured: Between Patristic Norms and Maternal Practice in the Lives of the Saints*

17:20 **Claudia Tavolieri** (University Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy), *The “Desert Mothers”: Between freedom and tradition. Ascetic models and aristocratic society*

17:40 Discussion and final round table

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