Royal Saints Kings and People  
St Olaf in Context  

Conference program  

**Day 1. Thursday 29. November**  

10:00-11:00  Visit to the collection of church artefacts  
NTNU University Museum (registration required)  
Margrete Systad Anås, Objects from Nidaros  
Birgit Maixner, Enamels of Limoges  

13:00 – 14:30  Session 1: Saint Kings and Royal Power  
(Nordic perspective)  
Roman Hankeln, King and martyr: representing ideal rulership in St. Olaf’s Office.  
David Brégaint, The missing saint: St Olaf and King Hákon Hákonsson  
Øystein Ekroll, Rex perpetuus Norwegie – the cult of St Olaf and the new Nidaros Archbishopric  

14:30-15:00  Coffee break  

15:00 – 16:30  Session 2: Saint Kings and Royal Power  
(European perspective)  
Sebastian Salvado, St Marcus and the Doge of Venice  
Nora Berend, Legitimizing strategies: Holy kingship as legitimizing strategy  
Manuela Beer, The three Magi and their ritual veneration in Cologne  

**Day 2. Friday 30. November**  

09:30 – 12:00  Session 3:  
Saint-Kings as a popular cult (Nordic perspective)  
Steffen Hope, The reshaping of Saint Knud Rex - popular cult or institutional competition?  

10:00-10:30  Coffee break  

Sara Ellis Nilsson, ’We Three Kings’. Scandinavian royal saints from local cults to symbols for the Kalmar Union  
Randi B. Wardahl, The cult of St Olaf in Iceland  

13:00 – 14:30  Session 4: Saint-Kings as a popular cult  
(European perspective)  
Rebecca Pinner, The Restless Relics of St Edmund, King and Martyr  
Martin Wangsgaard Jürgensen, Local and Universal: St. Olav between devotion and symbolic identity  
Rakel Igland Diesen, Children at the shrine of royal saints