



San Fernando and His Age

A Conference at Saint Louis University, Madrid

San Ignacio Hall,

Calle de las Amapolas, 28003 Madrid.

6—7 October 2017

On 31 August 1217, Fernando III acceded to the Castilian throne. His reign would span 35 years, which witnessed not only the permanent reunification of the Castilian and Leonese crowns but the Christian recovery of Córdoba, Jaén, Murcia and Seville and the establishment of the kingdom of Granada under the leadership of his ally, Muhammad I (1232–73). Fernando's reign substantially altered the dynamics of power in the Peninsula as well as its relationship with the wider world. It also saw major developments in government, the law, and culture. It was a period of renewed dialogue among the Peninsula's Christian, Muslim and Jewish inhabitants. His legacy, at this transitional moment, affected the intellectual, political and religious life in the medieval world. Similarly to Saint Louis in France, his rulership became an example for the Spanish monarchy for generations to come, culminating in his canonization in 1671 by Pope Clement X.

This conference, commemorating the octocentenary of the accession of Fernando III, is part of a continuing series of international conferences organized by the colleges of Saint Louis University in Madrid and Saint Louis. It will examine the transformative reign of San Fernando and, through an international dialogue, will provide a re-evaluation and re-contextualization of his place on the local, regional and international stages.

Friday 6 October 2017

10:30 — Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:45-12:45 — Session I: Networks of Patronage and Power

Moderator: Damian Smith

Ana Rodríguez López

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas

“Spatiality and the Power of Memory: on Kings and Places in Castile
during the reign of Fernando III.”

Simon Barton

University of Central Florida

“Fernando III and His Nobles”

12:45-14:45 — Lunch

14:45-16:45 — Session II: Military and Diplomatic Exchanges

Moderator: Martín Alvira Cabrer

José Manuel Rodríguez García

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia

“El espionaje en la época de Fernando III, 1200-1252. Peligros, certezas y conocidos ”

Bárbara Boloix Gallardo

Universidad de Granada

“Ferdinand III and Muhammad I of Granada: A Time of Peace and mutual Understanding”

Francisco García Fitz

Universidad de Extremadura

“*El que quebrantó e destruyó a todos sus enemigos*: La actuación bélica de Fernando III ”

16:45-17:00 — Coffee

17:00-19:00 — Session III: Religious Devotion

Moderator: Francisco García-Serrano

Cristina Catalina

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas

"El cristianismo hispánico durante el reinado de Fernando III "

Edward Holt

Saint Louis University

"*Laudes Regiae*: liturgy and royal power during the era of Fernando III "

Óscar Perea Rodríguez

Lancaster University

"La imagen del 'Santo Rey' Fernando III en la propaganda ideológica castellana del siglo XV "

19:30-21:00 — Break

21:00 — Dinner

Saturday 7 October 2017

10:15-10:45 — Coffee

10:45-12:45 — Session IV: Religious Authority

Moderator: Edward Holt

Teresa Witcombe

University of Bristol

"Between Paris and Al-Andalus: Rethinking Maurice Bishop of Burgos "

Kyle Lincoln

Kalamazoo College

"*In exercitu loco eius pontificalia exerceret*: warrior clerics in the era of Fernando III"

Francisco García-Serrano

Saint Louis University, Madrid

"Religious Authority in the Frontier Society of Fernando III"

12:45-14:45 — Lunch

14:45-16:45 — Session V: Royal Representations

Moderator: José Manuel Rodríguez García

Damian Smith

Saint Louis University

"James I and Fernando III"

Carlos de Ayala Martínez

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

" Fernando III: la idea imperial y la cruzada "

Martín Alvira Cabrer

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

“*Dilecta consanguinea mea*: Una donación de Fernando III a una monja de Fontevraud ”

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17:00 — Closing Remarks