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Project “Old Myths, New Facts”: Czech Lands in Centre of 15th-Century Music Developments

Institute of Musicology, Slovak Academy of Sciences,  
Project “CANTUS PLANUS in Slovakia”: Local Elements – Transregional Relationships

Institute of Musicology, Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungary,  
Project “Momentum”: Digital Music Fragmentology

### The Lecture Series

“Early Music in Central Europe: Local Elements  
–Transregional Connections – International Research”

## The Usuarium Database: Methodology, Dimensions, Synthesis

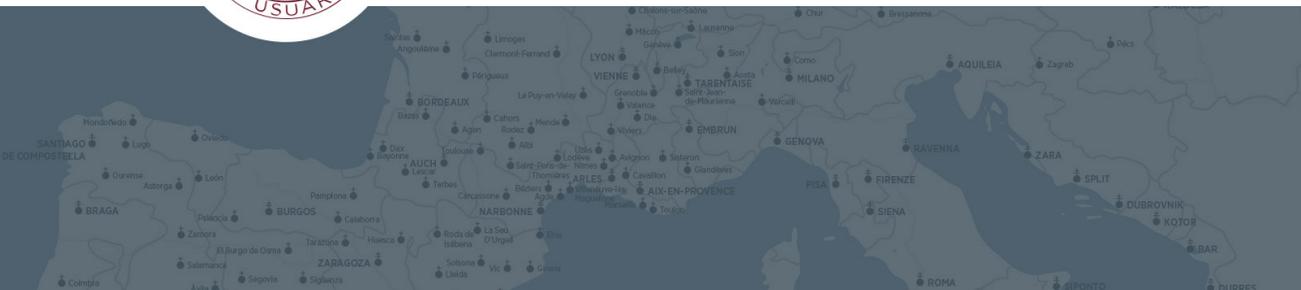
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### USUARIUM

A Digital Library and Database for the Study of Latin Liturgical History  
in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period

Research Group of Liturgical History, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest  
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Wednesday, March 1st, 5PM CET, via ZOOM

By now, Usuarium is probably the world’s largest digital collection and database of Latin liturgical sources. It evolved from the rather modest need of contextualizing the earliest Hungarian evidence from the 11th century but resulted in a robust system of information from about a millennium of Christian worship in Europe. The two methodological pillars are the focus on uses, i.e. enduring local traditions instead of specific sources or ages and the concept of liturgy as a system of primarily textual items arranged in a grid of assignments to times, functions, and structural frames. The aim is a comprehensive presentation of the liturgical diversity of the Latin West from the earliest sources to the final abolition of local variants in the late 17th century. A real synthesis, however, will not emerge from the mere accumulation of data. It requires an interpretation of how our ancestors perceived their rituals, history, and identities.

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