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Seminar:

Saint Ladislas, “Athleta Patriae”, and the Cult of Military Saints in Medieval Hungary:

Saint Ladislas – a prominent 11th-century ruler of Hungary (1077-1095) and promoter of the cult of Saint Stephen, the first Christian ruler of Hungary, and also those of other Hungarian saints canonized in 1083 – got himself canonized in 1192, during the reign of King Béla III (1172-1196). Saint Ladislas became a knightly saint, heroically defeating the attacking oriental nomads, and this military feature is reminiscent of the Byzantine military saints (such as George, Theodore, and Demetrius). It is in this context that the seminar discussion will explore his cult and the popular iconographic representations from the 14th and 15th century, where his fight with the Cuman warrior is depicted on several dozens of church frescoes.

Image: Legend of St Ladislas - Craciunel