

Einladung zum Gastvortrag (in englischer Sprache)

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The legend of St. Thecla in the Armenian tradition

The legend of St. Thecla, a disciple of St. Paul according to apocryphal literature, has enjoyed a revival of interest from scholars. Greek, Coptic, and Arabic traditions have been the subject of recent investigations, and the analysis of the evidence on St. Thecla in ancient and medieval Armenian literature was last year published by the speaker (*Corpus Christianorum Corpus Apocryphorum* 20). To support this research, it was necessary to take into consideration the links between Syriac and Armenian Christianity in the fifth century; the ancient Armenian historiography; the correlation between Byzantine and Armenian literature of the twelfth century; and even the diplomatic and religious relationship between Armenians and the Latin kingdoms of the West in the fourteenth century. The different milestones of this itinerary in place and time are indicators of the legend's established importance in the Armenian tradition. At the same time, they offer interesting evidence concerning the way apocryphal legends and traditions spread through the Christian communities of Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages.

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