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## ROUND-TABLE

Convenor: Prof. Richard Landes

# Imperial Millennialism 6000 AM I to 1000 AD

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IKGF Seminar Room

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Thrice in the first millennium of Christian history contemporaries reached a millennial date – that is, a date which, according to belief in a *sabbatical millennium*, would mark the unleashing of the apocalyptic scenario and the advent of a millennium of peace and justice over the whole world. Two of these dates are specifically sabbatarian 6000 AM I = AD 500, and 6000 AM II = 801, and the last such date, 1000 (+1033), either millennial or eschatological. These dates also coincide with exceptional activity in Christian royal and imperial courts, producing a wide array of

(often novel) discourse and behavior. We propose to look at the courts of these “moments” and look for salient themes: 500 (Anastasios, Theodoric, Clovis); 801 (Charles the Great, Haroun al Rashid); 1000 (Otto III, Aethelred the Unready; Robert the Pious). We hope to hold a preliminary workshop on these matters, comparing, contrasting, and exploring activity in royal and imperial courts at the advent and passage of these millennial dates. Join us for a day-long workshop on the joint themes of millennial expectation and imperial messianism!

