Power through Bodies Out of Place: between Alexander the Great and Caesarius of Arles

The exploration will investigate how people who are considered in diverse ways ‘out of place’ – of rights, belonging and protection – become central to the discourse of power and jurisdiction. It draws on a number of ancient liminal settings, including ransom, exile and asylum, with such protagonists as Alexander the Great and Caesarius the Bishop of Arles. Thus, it seeks to investigate the unique role of people in states of liminality – often resulting from a combination of forced uprooting and compromised mobility – in articulating inter- and intra-community relationships and the space between civil rights and human rights.