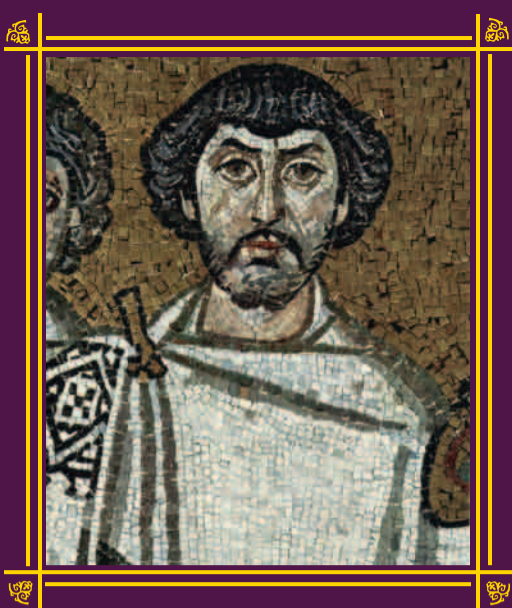


KRAKÓW, MAY 21-22, 2026



Belisarius

as Historical Figure and Literary Hero

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR DARIUSZ BRODKA

Thursday, May 21 (University of the National Education Commission, Krakow, Podchorążych 2, Prof. W. Danek Auditorium)

9.30-10.15 Opening speeches

10.15-11.15 Belisarius the (Re)conqueror

Umberto Roberto (University of Naples Federico II, Italy), *The 'Rhetoric' of Reconquest: Belisarius, the Court of Constantinople and the Wars in the West*

David A. Parnell (Indiana University Northwest, USA), *Belisarius & Rome: A Love Affair*

11.45-13.15 Belisarius the Politician

Michael Edward Stewart (University of Queensland, Australia), *Family Strategy and Succession in the House of Belisarius*

Jan Prostko-Prostyński (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland), *An Attempted Peace Treaty Between Belisarius and the Goths in 535*

Arkadiusz Urbaniec (University of the National Education Commission, Krakow, Poland), *Belisarius and the Praetorian Prefects*

Lunch break

14.30-15.30 Belisariuskritik in Procopius

Mischa Maier (University of Tübingen, Germany), *The Preface of Procopius' Anekdotia*

Michał Stachura (Jagiellonian University, Poland), *The General and His Emperor: How and Why Procopius Whitewashes Episodes of Belisarius' Disgrace in Wars*

16.00-17.30 Belisarius' Arete

Charles Pazdernik (Grand Valley University, USA), *Belisarius' Aristeia (Wars 5.18)*

Philip Rance (Free University of Berlin, Germany), *"Bravo, Belisarius!": Some Scholia and Marginalia to Procopius' Wars*

Andrzej Kompa (University of Lodz, Poland), *Belisarius the Man and Narses the Eunuch: in Procopius, Italian Opera, and Dariusz Brodka's Writings*

18.00-19.30 The Hero in Byzantines Memory

Adrian Szopa (University of the National Education Commission, Krakow, Poland), *The Memory of Belisarius in Selected Byzantine Sources*

Kee-Lou Ooyman (Radboud University, Netherlands), *The Creation of a Literary Hero: Belisarius in Later Byzantine Tradition*

Michał Bzinkowski (Jagiellonian University, Poland), *Belisarius on the Ruins of the Empire – the Peculiar History of Justinian's General in Greek Vernacular Texts From the 14th-16th Centuries*

Friday, May 22 (Jagiellonian University, Gołębia 13, room 17)

9.30-11.00 Belisarius in Other Contemporary Sources

Conor Whately (University of Winnipeg, Canada), *Belisarius in the Epigraphic and Papyrological Record*

Michael Whitby (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom), *Belisarius in Agathias*

Bartosz Kołoczek (Jagiellonian University, Poland), *Belisarius's African Campaigns from the Perspective of Contemporary African Authors*

11.30-13.00 The Art of (Describing) the War

Clemens Koehn (University of New England, Australia), *Justinian Finds a General. The Problem of Enacting Imperial Authority*

Christopher Lillington-Martin (Cardiff University, United Kingdom), *Procopius of Caesarea and His Informants II: Medical Informants*

Łukasz Różycki (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland), *The Soundscape of War in the Light of Prokopius' Works*

13.30-15.15 Belisarius Today

Teresa Wolińska (University of Lodz, Poland), *Belisarius in "The Figure of This World Passes Away" by Hanna Malewska*

Christian Rollinger (Trier University, Germany), *Pictures at an Exhibition: Belisarius and the Sixth Century in the Fine Arts*

Aleksandra Klęczar (Jagiellonian University, Poland), *Playing (with) Belisarius. The Reception of the Character in Popular Culture (20th-21st c.)*

Closing speech



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