# **Special Issue**

# Saints and Cities: Hagiography and Urban History

# Message from the Guest Editor

Hagiographical sources hold valuable information about urban history. Saints' cults were often based in cities, or in places that grew into cities; rural shrines attracted pilgrims who came from or passed through cities; texts traveled among urban networks. Hagiographical texts thus reflect urban life from various angles and can, therefore, be used to explore urban history. Moreover, because hagiographical texts sometimes survive from or concern cities otherwise obscure in the historical record, they can be crucial evidence for the urban past. This Special Issue aims to showcase scholarship using hagiographical sources to explore various dimensions of urban history, including (but not limited to) urban growth, politics, economic history, urban society, the lived experience of city dwellers (or visitors), communications, and material culture. Submissions are welcome from other contexts as well.

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