



RFG Workshop: **Shifting Economic Power in Autun: The Donation of Constantine**

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Autun's textual and material record illustrates how and why ancient patterns of life in northeast Gaul began to give way during Late Antiquity. Adopting a methodology developed in feminist historiography, this paper explores the effect on Autun's political economy of resources funneled to Autun's bishop by the emperor Constantine in the early 4th century. Because Constantine did not restrict his patronage just to Autun, the city serves as a case study demonstrating how the introduction of imperial patronage to local bishops could push cities toward a more "medieval" political economy.

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