The Department of Medieval Studies of the Central European University cordially invites you to the public lecture of

**Patrick Geary**
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**GENETIC HISTORY AND MEDIEVAL HISTORY: THE EXAMPLE OF THE “LONGOBARDS”**

6.00 p.m., 19th June, 2014
CEU, Nádor u. 9, FT 409

Recent advances in genetic research and a popular fascination with the relationship between genetics and identity have led scholars and scientists to attempt to apply genetics to resolve questions about medieval migrations and population movements. This lecture will discuss both the dangers and the potentials of such approaches in the context of an informal talk on his current interdisciplinary and international research project analyzing population movements between Pannonia and Italy in the seventh century.

**Patrick Geary**’s work extends over a vast range of topics in medieval history, both chronologically and conceptually—from religiosity to language, ethnicity, social structure, and political organization. Many of his essays and books remain standard literature in the field and have been translated in multiple languages. Currently, Geary is leading a major project that studies the migration of European societies north and south of the Alps through the analysis of ancient DNA in Longobard cemeteries in Hungary and in Italy. He also directs the St. Gall Plan Project, an Internet-based initiative funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation that provides tools for the study of Carolingian monasticism.