The workshop aims to discuss semantic analysis as a method to explore the continuation and transformation of the concept of citizenship in the early Middle Ages. An overview of a preliminary survey of relevant semantic topics, presented for discussion, will be followed by a more specific analysis of three of these semantic unities. The case study aims to demonstrate two vital elements of the Christian interpretation and transformation of the concept of ‘citizenship’: 1. ‘Citizenship’ in its Christian understanding was not a local affair but was situated in the universal scale of the oikoumenē, and 2. Christian ‘citizenship’ was in essence a dual belonging, a self-understanding of Christians as persons striving to gain access to the celestial city but never without acknowledgment of their belonging and loyalty to the terrestrial world.