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## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Graduate Conference

# Telling Byzantine History: Current Trends and New Directions

May 24, 2024

Start Time: 09:45

Location: Central European University  
Room D-001, Quellenstrasse 51, 1100

May 25, 2024

Start Time: 09:45

Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies  
University of Vienna, Lecture Hall, Postgasse 9, 1010



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# DAY 1

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**09:00–09:45** ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

Central European University, Room D-001

**09:45–10:00** WELCOME

Aleksandar Anđelović and Lewis Read (University of Vienna)

**10:00–11:00** KEYNOTE LECTURE

**Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*Stones, Bones, Sherds, Trees, Pollen and Genes: Telling Byzantine History Without Written Sources*

COFFEE BREAK

**11:30–12:30** FIRST SESSION: LATE ANTIQUITY IN THE MUSEUM AND THE CLASSROOM

Chair: Basema Hamarneh | University of Vienna

**11:30–12:00** **Ivan Mileković** | Central European University

*From Byzantium to Antiquity: Reevaluating the Place of Late Antique Material in Museum Collections*

**12:00–12:30** **Annegret Weil Helmbold** | University of Münster

*Approaching Procopius through AI: A Teaching Experiment*

LUNCH

**13:30–15:00** SECOND SESSION: PERCEIVING BYZANTIUM FROM THE MARGINS

Chair: István Perczel | Central European University

**13:30–14:00** **Márk Besztercei** | Eötvös Loránd University

*Orthodox Rome and Heretic Constantinople: Patriarchs, Emperors, and Theological Legitimacy at the Lateran Council of 649*

**14:00–14:30** **Pauline Vasselle** | University of Nottingham

*Byzantine Monastic History from a Rus' Perspective from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century*

**14:30–15:00** **Olga Vlachou** | Central European University

*Disintegration or Prosperity? Unraveling the Economic, Administrative, and Educational Landscape of Byzantine Provinces in Greece (ca. 1150–1204)*

**15:00–15.30** COFFEE BREAK

**15:30–16:30** THIRD SESSION: BYZANTINE ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN ARMENIAN SOURCES

Chair: Benedetta Contin | University of Vienna

**15:30–16:00** **Magdalena Krampe** | Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg  
*The Armenian Church within the Thecla Basilica of Meriamlik*

**16:00–16:30** **Armine Petrosyan** | Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts and Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg  
*Archetype of Predator and Prey: Iconography and Symbolism of Bird Combat Scenes in the Mediaeval Art of Armenia, Byzantium, and Sasanian Iran*

COFFEE BREAK

**17:00–18:30** FOURTH SESSION: RE-READING BYZANTINE NARRATIVES

Chair: Volker Menze | Central European University

**17:00–17:30** **Piril Us-MacLennan** | Ghent University

*Romance, Memoirs, Tales, or Anecdotes? A Literary and Stylistic Analysis of Nikephoros Bryennios' Material for History*

**17:30–18:00** **Daiki Sano** | The University of Edinburgh

*'And Everything was Abandoned': Late Byzantine Policies in the Eyes of George Pachymeres*

**18:00–18:30** **Radka Pallová** | Princeton University

*'De res q(uon)d(am) Guderit liberti': Empire and Archival Violence in the Ravenna Papyri*

**18:30–20.00** BUFFET DINNER

# DAY 2

**09:00–09:45** ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna

**09:45–10:00** WELCOME

Dunja Milenković and Osman Yüksel Özdemir (Central European University)

**10:00–11:00** FIRST SESSION: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON BYZANTINE STUDIES FROM CHINA

Chair: Nikolaos Zagklas | University of Vienna

**10:00–10:30** **Ziyao Zhu** | King's College London

*Beyond Marxist Historiography: A Debate on Byzantium's Middle Class (μέσσοι) in China*

**10:30–11:00** **ZiRan Guo** | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

*Overview of the Study of Byzantine Spirituality and Eastern Orthodox Church in China*

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30–12:30** SECOND SESSION: USES AND MISUSES OF BYZANTIUM IN NATION-BUILDING

Chair: Konrad Petrovsky | Austrian Academy of Sciences

**11:30–12:00** **Osman Kocabal** | Central European University

*Perception of Byzantine History in the Late Ottoman Period: An Analysis of Celal Nuri İleri's Book: Rum ve Bizans*

**12:00–12:30** **Zoran Jovanović** | University of Belgrade

*Byzantium as a Golden Age of Greek History: Nation-building through Post-Byzantine Narratives*

**LUNCH**

**13:30–14:30** THIRD SESSION: BYZANTINE ART AND ARCHITECTURE AMONGST RUS AND IN ITALY

Chair: Grace Stafford | University of Vienna

**13:30–14:00** **Giada Lattanzio** | Masaryk University

*A Byzantine Island? Historiographical Issues in (Art) Historical Studies on Early Medieval Sardinia (6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**14:00–14:30** **Evelina Kachynska** | Polish Academy of Sciences

*Mastaura Not Constantinople: Transferring Architectural Patterns from a Byzantine Province to Rus*

**COFFEE BREAK**

**15:00–16:00** FOURTH SESSION: BYZANTIUM DURING THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND POST-ENLIGHTENMENT

Chair: György Geréb | Central European University

**15:00–15:30** **Aliosha Bielenberg** | University of California, Berkeley

*How Do You Read Homer? Ethics, Epistemology, and the Self in Homeric Scholarship*

**15:30–16:00** **Lev Shadrin** | University of Innsbruck

*The Use of Greek in Karl Benedikt Hase's 'Secret Diary'*

**COFFEE BREAK**

**16:30–17:30** KEYNOTE LECTURE

**Panagiotis Agapitos** | Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

*Three-dimensionalities: Towards a Narrative History of Byzantine Literature*

**17:30–20.00** **WINE RECEPTION**