

Redefining the Margins: Seeing the Unseen in the Eastern Mediterranean
17th Annual Postgraduate Colloquium of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies
4 June, 2016
European Research Institute, University of Birmingham

Schedule

8:45-9:15

Registration

9:15-9:20

Welcome

Anna Kelley (University of Birmingham)

9:20-9:40

Key Note Address

Professor Gerhard Wolf (Kunsthistorischen Institut in Florenz)

10:00-12:00

Session 1

1a. Manuscripts and Text

Marianna Carlucci
(Hamburg University)

*A new manuscript from Mehmed II's Greek scriptorium?
The Codex Seragliensis G.1 29 and the legendary Western
manuscript collection of the Topkapı Palace Museum in
Istanbul*

Patrick Martin
(University of Winchester)

*Prayers for the dead and Last Judgement imagery in an
eleventh century Studite Gospel book*

Sien De Groot & Julie Boeten
(Ghent University)

Byzantine Book Epigrams: Poetry from the Margins

Charbel Nassif
(University Paris IV-Sorbonne)

*Portraits of Byzantine emperors and Ottoman sultans in
Arabic Melkite a manuscript from the XVIIth c. (St-Pt, IMO,
C 358): peculiarities and iconographic sources*

1b. Orthodoxy and Heresy

Nicholas Ttofis
(Blackfriars Hall, Oxford)

*The Council of Gangra: the marginalisation of an Orthodox
ascetic*

Ivan Maric
(University of Edinburgh)

*Damning Kopronyms, Damning Iconoclasm: The
Disinterment of Emperor Constantine V*

Mirela Ivanova
(Balliol College, Oxford)

*Cosmas' Discourse against the Bogomils and Byzantine
heresiology*

Carl Dixon
(University of Nottingham)

*An unorthodox orthodoxy? The case of an iconoclast tract
against the Paulicians*

12:00-12:15

Coffee/Tea Break

12:15-1:45

Session 2

2a. Material Culture

Şebnem Dönbekci
(Koç University)

*Beyond the Visible: The Vita Cycle of Saint Francis in
Constantinople*

Hugh Thomson
(University of Edinburgh)

*Rome, Alexandria and Constantinople: the pyxis of St.
Menas*

2b. Migrations and Movement

Alasdair Grant
(Corpus Christi College, Oxford)

*When is a Pirate not a Pirate? Maritime Marginalia in the
Middle versus Late Byzantine Sphere*

Sihong Lin
(University of Manchester)

*Uncovering the transnational seventh century: imperial
diplomacy between Constantinople, Chang'an, and
Canterbury*

Michael Burling
(University of Birmingham)
Unpicking the Threads: The Role of Armenian Textiles in the 9th and 10th Centuries

Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
(King's College London)
An Inconspicuous Phenomenon: The Migration of Syrians and Palestinians in the Seventh Century

1:45-2:30

Lunch

2:30-4:00

Session 3

3a. Greek Literature and Society

Anastasia Tantarouda-Papaspyrou
(University of Birmingham)
Trauma and Captivity: The case of Chaidari's Concentration camp by Themis Kornaros and the Number 31328 by Ilias Venezis

Rosy Angelaki
(Aristotle University, Thessaloniki)
Redefining the Margins: Secondary Characters in Children's Literature

Despoina Pavlidou
(Istanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi)
The social and political identity of the Turcophone Western Pontic refugees in Greece during the Interwar Period

3b. Ottoman Institutions

Christos Kyriakopoulos
(University of Crete)
Institutional History Re-visited: Waqf Endowing and Urban Transformation in Ottoman Thessaloniki (15th-16th c.)

Maria Telegina
(Central European University)
Between the Mediterranean and Eurasia: Ottoman Ambassador Thomas Kantakouzenos and his Missions to Moscow in 1621-1637

Dimitrios Lamprakis
(University of Birmingham)
The timar system in the 18th century

4:00-4:15

Coffee/Tea Break

4:15-6:15

Session 4

4a. Eastern and Western Boundaries

Nicholas Matheou
(Pembroke College, Oxford)
'Armenians' in East Roman Italy, c.850-1050: Seeing Unseen Elites & Communities in the Imperial South

James Baillie
(University of Birmingham)
On the Margins: Communities and Concepts of the 12th century Black Sea

Alex MacFarlane
(Linacre College, Oxford)
Alexander at the Periphery: The (A)historical Actions of the Macedonian Conqueror in the Caucasus

Alex Feldman
(University of Birmingham)
Some Remarks on the Archaeology of Judaism in Khazaria

4b. Historical Re-interpretations

Christina Armoni
(University of Birmingham)
Constantine VII Porphyrogennetos' Authorship-Research on 'Vita Basilii'

Matthew Kinloch
(University College, Oxford)
Unseen and Marginalised Stories: Redefining the Battle of Klokotnitsa

Marcus Spencer-Brown
(University of Birmingham)
Recognising Popular Power: An Analysis of Non-Elite Political Activity in Unrest and Usurpations, AD642-717

Joseph Parsonage
(University of Birmingham)
Marriage, Regency and Succession in Middle Byzantine Dynastic Strategy - Crisis and Renewal in the Imperial Family

6:15-6:30

Closing Remarks

6:30-7:30

Wine Reception

7:30

Dinner