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28 Mar
Tue.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM

Liba Taub | University of Cambridge
*Genres of Greek Science: Mathematics, Poetry and
Mathematical Poetry*
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

Spring Session, 2017

6 Apr
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM

Péter Lautner | PPKE
*Michael of Ephesus' Account of the Nature and Physiology
Of Dreams*
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

13 Apr
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM

Jonathan Conant | Brown University
*Contesting the Christian Empire: The Carolingians
in the Eastern Mediterranean*
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

29 May–
2 June

**EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
STUDIES SPRING SESSION**

David Thomas | University of Birmingham

1-3 June
Th-Sat

FIFTH CEMS GRADUATE CONFERENCE

*Building, Bending, and Breaking Boundaries in the
Eastern Mediterranean World*
Nádor 9, Popper Room

9 June
Fr.

CEMS END-OF-YEAR PARTY

**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE FOR MA STUDENTS IN HIS-
TORY AND MEDIEVAL STUDIES**

Students in Eastern Mediterranean Studies will focus on continuing as well as competing tradition(s) connecting the Roman Empire and its successive heirs/rivals, the Byzantine, Umayyad, Abbasid, Fatimid, and Ottoman empires, and explore their manifold ramifications to the post-Ottoman present. The specialization offers students an innovative diachronic approach, from late antiquity to the modern age, focusing on a geographical area at the crossroads of cultures and thereby unusually rich in its intellectual, social, institutional, and cultural heritage. <https://cems.ceu.edu/sems>

VISITING AND TEACHING FELLOWS

David Thomas

University of Birmingham

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Fall Term, 2016

- 15 Sep **CEMS WELCOME RECEPTION**
Th. 5:00pm, FT, Room 409
- 22 Sep **CEMS OPENING COLLOQUIUM**
Th. Ugur Üngör | Utrecht University
Tigers, Wolves, and Ghosts: Contemporary Paramilitarism in Historical Context
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
CEMS BEGINNING-OF-YEAR DRINKS
- 27 Sep **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Tue Roger Scott | University of Melbourne
Justinian and His Chronicler: Interpreting the Reign
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 28 Sep **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Wed. Jointly with the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus & Medieval Studies Department
Young Kim | Calvin College
The Saints of Cyprus in Late Antiquity
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 6 Oct **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Th. Jointly with the History Department
Houssine Alloul | University of Antwerp
Before Empire: Leopold II, Colonialism and the Ottoman Mediterranean
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Popper Room
- 20 Oct **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Th. Matthew Leigh | University of Oxford
The Politics of the Controversia: Declamation and Mediated Speech in Early Imperial Rome
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 27 Oct **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Th. Jointly with the Center for Religious Studies
Ales Chalupa | Masaryk University
Connecting the Dots: Delphic Oracle and the Cult of Asclepius from the Perspective of Cognitive Historiography
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

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3 Nov
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
Nathan Gilbert | Durham University
No New Pleasures Under the Sun: From Lucretius to Montaigne (via Ecclesiastes)
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

17 Nov
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
Giancarlo Casale | University of Minnesota
Did Alexander the Great Discover America?: Humanist Debate in Ottoman Istanbul
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

1 Dec
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
Bernard Heyberger | E.H.E.S.S.
Books and Confessionalization in the Eastern Christianity (17th -18th C.)
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

Winter Term, 2016

19 Jan
Tu.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
John Bodel | Brown University
The Botany of Death: The Use of Plants in Roman Funerary Ritual and Symbolism
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
followed by

CEMS NEW-YEAR DRINKS

2 Feb
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
Martin Wallraff | LMU München
The First Christian Emperor? Pitfalls and Aporiae in Recent Research on Constantine
7:00pm, Nádor 9, Popper Room

16 Feb
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
Tudor Sala | Institute for Advanced Studies, Budapest
Ghostly Spies, Heavenly Records, and the Allure of Empire: Imagining Total Surveillance in Late Antique Rome and China
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room



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2 Mar
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
György Németh | ELTE
Curse Tablets, Lead Boxes, and Voodoo Dolls
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

8 Mar
Th.

CEMS COLLOQUIUM
Jointly with the History Department
Marios Hatzopoulos | Panteion University
Prophecy, Rebellion, and Nationalism in Ottoman Europe
5:30pm, Monument Building, Room 202

16 Mar
Th.

ANNA CHRISTIDOU LECTURE
Jointly with the Embassy of Greece in Hungary
Margarita Voulgaropoulou | CEU
The East in the West: Fluctuating Borders, Cross-Cultural Encounters and Evolving Identities in the Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

CEU's Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, heir to the Center for Hellenic Traditions (2004/5–2009/10), promotes the study of the eastern Mediterranean and its hinterlands from antiquity, especially the Hellenistic *oikoumene* (323–30 BCE), to the end of the Ottoman period (1923 CE).

CEMS faculty provides expertise on the ancient, medieval, and (early) modern eastern Mediterranean in an internationally unique configuration, interconnected by common interest in themes such as: imperial legacies and (dis)continuities; ancient and medieval philosophical traditions and the cross-cultural transmission of knowledge; multi-religious societies; east-west interactions and economic and cultural exchanges ('Mediterraneans'). Along these trajectories the center encourages the constant rethinking and provocative transgression of existing disciplinary, and established or perceived spatial/chronological, boundaries and classifications, questioning transmitted orthodoxies and heterodoxies and actively working to privilege hitherto marginalized texts and sources.

2016 Fall Term,
2017 Winter Term & Spring Session