

Education and Literature in a Medieval Eurasian Context

2nd Gutenberg Symposium, Vienna, 4–6 June 2025

Johannes-Gutenberg University Mainz & Central European University

Wednesday, 4 June 2025 (QS D-001)

17:30 Keynote lecture:

Vasileios Marinis (Yale University), “Teaching the Liturgy in Palaiologan Byzantium”

Wine reception

Thursday, 5 June 2025 (QS B-505)

Chair: Susana Torres Prieto (IE University)

9:00 Florin Leonte (Palacký University Olomouc), “Facing a Crisis through Teaching: The Impact of Education on Late Byzantine Responses to Ottoman Expansion”

10:00 Nuha Alshaar (American University of Sharjah/ The Institute of Ismaili Studies), “The Ethical Theory of Education of Body and Soul: How to Train Young Men from *adab*/philosophical Perspective in 9th and 10th Centuries Baghdad”

11:00 *Coffee break*

Chair: Zeynep Aydogan (Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS–FORTH), Rethymno)

11:30 Petros Bouras-Vallianatos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), “Medical Education in Later Byzantium (11th–15th c.): Texts and Contexts”

12:30 Chrysi Kotsifou (University of Göttingen), “A Letter, a Book, and a Votive Cross: The Case of the Nunnery of the White Monastery Federation, Its Educational Role, and Its Patronage and Production of Manuscripts”

13:30 *Lunch break*

Chair: Katja Weidner (University of Vienna)

- 15:00 Aglae Pizzone (University of Southern Denmark), "Cognitive Conflict and How to Create It: Lessons from the Byzantine Classroom"
- 16:00 Baukje van den Berg (Central European University), "Grammar as Literary Theory in Byzantium: The Commentaries to Dionysios Thrax"
- 19:00 *Participant dinner at Meixners Gastwirtschaft* (Buchengasse 64, 1100)

Friday, 6 June 2025 (QS B-505)

Chair: Aglae Pizzone (University of Southern Denmark)

- 9:00 Maria Tomadaki (University of Ioannina), "The Role of Euripides in Byzantine Education and His Impact on Byzantine Poetry (7th–12th Centuries)"
- 10:00 Maria Giovanna Sandri (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa) & Panagiotis Agapitos (Johannes-Gutenberg University of Mainz), "Education and Literature in the Eighth Century: A Rhetorical and Grammatical Comparison of the 'Definitions of Faith' of the Iconoclast Council of Hieria (AD 754) and of the Iconophile Council of Nicaea (AD 787)"

11:00 *Coffee break*

Chair: Nuha Alshaar (American University of Sharjah/ The Institute of Ismaili Studies)

- 11:30 Nasrin Askari (University of Toronto), "Education and Literary Style in Medieval Persian Prose: A Comparison of the *Mūnis-nāma* and *Marzbān-nāma*"
- 12:30 Zeynep Aydogan (Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS-FORTH)), "The Anatolian Turkish Warrior Epics: Entertainment, Story-telling and History-writing"

13:30 *Lunch break*

Chair: Petros Bouras-Vallianatos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

- 14:30 Daria Resh (Swedish Institute at Athens / University of Southern Denmark), "From Hermogenian Commentators to Popular Hagiography: Responses to the Metaphrastic Movement in 9th- to 11th-century Byzantium"
- 15:30 Osman Yüksel Özdemir (Central European University), "Late Antique Rhetoric and Strategies of Storytelling in the Liturgical Poetry of Romanos the Melodist and Jacob of Serugh"
- 16:30 Michele Trizio (University of Bari Aldo Moro), "Reading, Teaching, Writing: The Byzantine Philosophical Commentary Tradition"

17:30 *Farewell address*