

CENTER FOR EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES
FOURTH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE

**IDEOLOGY, KNOWLEDGE, AND SOCIETY
IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Central European University
Budapest
June 4-6, 2015

June 4, 2015

12:30-13:15 Registration at CEU Oktogon

13:15-13:30 Welcoming Remarks, Popper Room

Prof. Volker Menze (Central European University)

Nirvana Silnović (Central European University)

SESSION 1 13:30-15:30

Commentary and Contest in Later Ancient Philosophy

Chair: István Bodnár (Central European University)

Şahan Evren (King's College London): Late Antique Reception of Aristotle's *Meteorology*

Tonguç Seferoğlu (King's College London): The Influence of Socio-Political Context on Doing Philosophy: Damascius and Olympiodorus on Plato's *Phaedo*

Laura Viidebaum (University of Cambridge): Dio on Philosophy (orr. 70 and 71)

Claudio Garcia-Ehrenfeld (King's College London): The Comic Side of Lucian's *Hermotimus*

Coffee break 15:30-16:00

SESSION 2 16:00-17:30

Religious Wisdom and Theological Learning in the Early Christian World

Chair: György Geréby (Central European University)

Dmitry Biriukov (Università degli studi di Padova): Physical Paradigms in the Christological Controversies in Byzantium

Francesco Celia (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): On the Passability and Impassability of God – A Third-Century Christian Reply to a Philosophical Objection

Andra Juganaru (Central European University): Ascetic Women and Learning in the Fourth-century Roman Empire

Coffee break 17:30-18:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE 18:00-19:30

George Karamanolis (Institut für Philosophie, Universität Wien)

New Wine in Old Bottles: Christians on the Origins and the Nature of Language

Chair: Georgina White (Princeton University)

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SESSION 3 09:00-11:00

Textual Transmissions, Comparisons, and Influences

Chair: István Perczel (Central European University)

Marton Ribary (University of Manchester): Legal Forms as the Archimedean Point of Comparing 6th century CE Rabbinic and Roman Law

Mari Mamyán (Yerevan State University): Some Remarks on the Apocryphal Legends the “Covenant” and the “Cherograph”

Khadeega M’Gafar (American University of Cairo): The Transmission of Virtue Ethics from Greek into Arabic: a Case Study of Miskawayh’s *Treatise on Ethics*

Iuliana Soficaru (University of Bucharest): Travelling Physicians in Late Antiquity: Alexander of Tralles and the Pursuit of Health

Coffee break 11:00-11:30

SESSION 4 11:30-13:30

Material Culture in Context

Chair: Nirvana Silnović (Central European University)

Valentina de Pasca (Università degli Studi di Milano): Byzantine Repertoire Resulting from the Study of Earrings Discovered in Italian Early Medieval Necropolis

Maria Alessia Rossi (The Courtauld Institute of Art): Christ’s Miracles: Artistic and Cultural Exchange Between the Byzantine Empire and the Serbian Kingdom

Özge Yıldız (Koç University): A Seat for the Ruler and the Politics of Vision: The *Hünkâr Kasrı* of the Sultan Ahmed Mosque (1609-1616) and the *Kathisma* of the Byzantine Great Palace (330-1081)

Bilge Ar (Istanbul Technical University): Byzantine and European War Machines, Arms and Armor in the Ottoman Arsenal

Lunch break 13:30-15:00

SESSION 5 15:00-17:30

'Byzantine Matters'

Chair: Niels Gaul (Central European University)

Ivana Lemcool (University of Belgrade): Byzantium and the Transmission of Astrological Learning During the Middle Ages

Panagiotis Manafis (Universiteit Gent): History through Fragments: The 'Patriographic' Part of the Parisinus suppl. gr. 607a

Sandro Nikolaishvili (Central European University): Visual and Verbal Rhetoric: Legitimizing Bagratid Kings in Medieval Georgia

Kalle Knaapi (University of Turku): Defining and Re-Defining Byzantine Drama: The Case of Theodore Prodromos' *Katomyomakhia*

Lorenzo Maria Ciolfi (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales): Reconsidering Byzantine Imperial Sainthood

Coffee break 17:30-18:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE 18:00-19:30

Judith Herrin (King's College London)

Mathematics, Theology and Icons: Three Elements of Byzantine Diplomacy

Chair: Ivan Marić (Central European University)

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SESSION 6 09:00-11:00

Frontiers, Spaces, and Identities

Chair: Judith Herrin (King's College London)

William Guast (University of Oxford): His Master's Voice: Romanity and Resistance in Greek Declamation

Anna Adashinskaya (Central European University): Knowledge on Identities: Multilingual Dedicatory Inscriptions from the Byzantine Commonwealth

Stefan Trajković Filipović (University of Belgrade): Negotiating the Other, Devising a Strategy: Bayezid I and Holy Places in the *Life of Despot Stefan Lazarević*

Zachary Foster (Princeton University): Was Jerusalem Part of Palestine? The Forgotten City of Ramla, 800-1830s

Coffee break 11:00-11:30

SESSION 7 11:30-13:30

Perception as a Source of Knowledge in Historiographical Traditions

Chair: Tijana Krstić (Central European University)

Lucas McMahon (Central European University): Towards an Understanding of Guerilla Warfare Tactics in Byzantium: Shifting Frontiers, Shifting Peoples

Valentina Covaci (Universiteit van Amsterdam): Contentious Encounters: Western and Eastern Christians in Fifteenth-century Jerusalem

Görkem Özizmirli (Boston College): Fear of İbşir Mustafa Pasha in Evliya Çelebi's *Seyahatnâme*: A Political Crisis in the Seventeenth-century Ottoman Empire and Its Representation in First-person Narrative

Peter Hill (University of Oxford): Was the Ottoman Empire a 'Despotism'? A Nineteenth-century Egyptian-European Defence

Lunch break 13:30-15:00

SESSION 8 15:00-17:00

Construction and Circulation of Knowledge
Chair: Helen Pfeifer (University of Cambridge)

Simon Hartmann (Ruhr-Universität Bochum): Trust in the Ottoman Arch-enemy? The Struggle of Islamophobia and Islamophilia for Public Opinion in the Holy Roman Empire After the Fall of Constantinople (1453)

Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer (Ohio State University): Shifting Identities in the Early Modern Mediterranean: An Examination of Muslim Rinnegati in the Roman Inquisition, 1542-1766

Daria Kovaleva (Harvard University): The Arabian Nights between Coffeehouse and Oriental Miscellany: Re-Defining the Notion of “Translation” in the Eastern Mediterranean Contact Zone

Ahmet Bilaloglu (Central European University): The Experience of an Ottoman Ambassador in France in an Age of Transformation: The Case of Yirmisekiz-zade Mehmed Said Efendi (d. 1761)

Coffee break 17:00-17:30

KEYNOTE LECTURE 18:00-19:30

Helen Pfeifer (University of Cambridge)

Continuity in an Islamic Society: The View from the Ottoman Salon
Chair: H. Evren Sünnetçiöğlü (Central European University)

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Niels Gaul (Central European University)

21:00 Dinner for Speakers
Trófea Grill Restaurant, Király utca 30–32, VI. District