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IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WORLD**

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1-3 JUNE 2017**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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JUNE 1

Registration at CEU Nador 15, room 103, 14.30-15.45

Welcoming Remarks, Nador 15, room 103, 15.45-16.00

Volker Menze (Central European University)

Emese Muntan (Central European University)

SESSION 1 16.00-17.00

Probing the Limits of “Orthodoxy” and “Orthopraxy”

Chair: Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie (Central European University, University of Bucharest)

- **John Zaleski** (Harvard University), *"There is no Celibacy in Islam": Sexual Renunciation as a Contested Boundary between Eastern Christian and Early Muslim Ascetic Practice*
- **Octavian-Adrian Negoită** (Central European University), *Establishing the Boundaries of Orthodoxy in the Post-Byzantine Period: Pachomios Rousanos (1508-1553) and the “Kartanite” Movement*

Coffee break 17.00-17.30

KEYNOTE LECTURE 17.30 -19.00

Margarita Voulgaropoulou (Central European University, Budapest), *Breaking Confessional Boundaries: Cross-Cultural Exchanges in the Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas*

JUNE 2

SESSION 2 9.00-11.00

Constructing, Contesting, and Appropriating Cultural Boundaries I

Chair: Katalin Szende (Central European University)

- **Shota Matitashvili** (Tbilisi University), *Gender, Politics, and Asceticism in the Martyrdom of Šušanik*
- **Marino Kumir** (Museum of Archaeological Monuments), *The Imported Model of Christianity: Symbolic Language of Aristocratic Piety in Croatian Duchy*
- **Stefan Trajković Filipović** (Justus Liebig University, Giessen), *St. Vladimir of Dioclea across the Region. Cult of a Saint and Local Interests in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Southeast Europe*
- **Katalin Boreczky** (Eötvös Loránd University), *Crossing Boundaries in Mór Jókai's Modern Midas: Reflections on the Background and Impact of the First Greek Diaspora in Hungary*

Coffee break: 11.00 – 11.30

SESSION 3 11.30 – 13.30

Border Ontologies and Epistemologies

Chair: Georgina White (Central European University)

- **Deniz Balik** (Dokuz Eylul University), *Skene as a Fictional Border*
- **David Eichert** (Central European University), *Flavius Cresconius Gorippus: a grammaticus Africanus in the city of the Emperor*
- **Marko Janković** (University of Belgrade), *Reconstructing Borders as Reconstructing People*
- **Vladimir D. Mihajlović** (University of Novi Sad), *Constructing the Danube as Frontier Zone in Ancient Thought and Practice*

Lunch break: 13.30-15.00

SESSION 4 15.00-17.00

Communal Boundaries and Identities from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern Period

Chair: György Geréby (Central European University)

- **Jokin Lanz Betelu** (University of the Basque Country), *Fugitives and Exiles in the Western Pyrenees during Late Antiquity (From the 6th to 8th centuries AD)*
- **Andor Kelenhegyi** (Central European University), *The Animalistic Other and the Animalistic Us. Establishing Community Boundaries between Late Antique Jewish and Christian Communities through Animal Symbolism*
- **Anni Hella** (University of Turku), *A Piece of East in the West - The Changeable Identity of the Abbey of Grottaferrata during the Great Western Schism (1378-1417)*
- **James Cartwright** (University of South Florida), *Crossing Boundaries: Creation of a Christian Identity and Negotiation of Religious Space in Armenian New Julfa*

Coffee break 17.00-17.30

KEYNOTE LECTURE 17.30 – 19.00

Greg Woolf (Institute of Classical Studies, London), *The Politics of Syncretism in Classical Antiquity*

JUNE 3

SESSION 5 9.00-11.00

Constructing, Contesting, and Appropriating Cultural Boundaries II

Chair: Floris Bernard (Central European University)

- **Anna Aklan** (Central European University), *Encounter at the edges: Transgressing Cultural, Linguistic, and Genre Boundaries in the Charition-mime*
- **Cristiana Roffi** (University of Cologne), *Orbem Romanum circumiit, multa aedificavit (Eutr. VIII, 7, 2): Religious Identities and Cultural Mobility during Hadrian's Principate*
- **Marco Fasolio** (Università del Piemonte Orientale), *Building a Border inside the Empire. The Construction of Pontic Hellenism in Chaldia from the Battle of Mantzikert to the Fall of Trebizond*
- **Mariana Gomez** (University of South Florida), *Safe Conduct Pass (Paiza): Breaking Borders by Means of Apotropaia*

Coffee break 11.00 – 11.30

SESSION 6 11.30 – 13.30

The Construction, Deconstruction, and Reconstruction of Spaces and Identities

Chair: Anna Ohanjanyan (Central European University, Institute of Ancient Manuscripts “Matenadaran”)

- **Csaba Szabó** (Independent Researcher), *Roman Sanctuaries as Thirdspaces? The Case Study of Dacia*
- **Norman Wetzig** (Martin Luther University), *Defining Space and Border of Landscapes and Minds: a Multimethodological Definition of Late Antique Phoenicia*
- **Paolo Maranzana** (University of Michigan), *Abandoning Home: The Breakdown of the Late Roman City and the Creation of a New Socio-Political Landscape in Central Anatolia*
- **Aubrey E. Young** (University of Oxford), *When Sacred and Secular Meet: What Rock Reliefs, Epigraphs, and Architecture at Sanahin tell us about Interaction between the Worshiper and Religion in Ancient Christian Armenia*

Lunch break 13.30-15.00

SESSION 7 15.00-17.00

Contesting Political, Social, Religious, Cultural, and Intellectual Boundaries in the 14th – 16th Centuries

Chair: Günhan Börekçi (Central European University, Istanbul Şehir University)

- **Evangelos Katafylis** (University of Cambridge), *Geographical Boundaries in the Christian-Muslim Theological Encounters*
- **Vera-Simone Schulz** (Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz - Max-Planck-Institut), *Artistic Dynamics across Borders and the Sea. A View of the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East in the Fourteenth Century*
- **Abdelrahman Mahmoud** (Central European University), *Sovereignty on the Fringes: Ottoman Intellectual Incorporation of Arab Lands in the Sixteenth Century*
- **Christos Kyriakopoulos** (University of Crete), *Shaping the Ottoman-Venetian Borders in the Peloponnese: The Town of Methoni as a Frontier Fortress (1460-1540)*

Coffee break 17.00-17.30

KEYNOTE LECTURE 17.30 – 19.00

Verena Krebs (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Strange and Wonderful Things from Distant Lands: A Material History of Ethiopia's Contacts with Western Christianity in the Late Middle Ages*

Concluding Remarks

Tolga Esmer (Central European University)

Dinner for Speakers 21.00

Trófea Grill Restaurant, Király utca 30–32, VI. District