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**CULTURAL ENTANGLEMENT, TRANSFER AND  
CONTENTION IN MEDITERRANEAN  
COMMUNITIES FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE  
PRESENT**

**BUDAPEST**

**30 MAY-1 JUNE 2019**

**NADOR 15, ROOM 103**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

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**Thursday May 30**

**Registration 13:30-14:15**

**Welcoming Remarks 14:15-14:30**

**Tolga Esmer (Central European University)**

**SESSION 1 14:30-16:00**

***Exhibiting Diversity in Entangled Material Cultures***

**Chair: István Perczel (Central European University)**

**Holly O'Farrell** (University of Limerick), *The Imperial Museum as a Contact Zone – European Presentations of Ancient Egyptian Art*

**Eleni Kopanaki** (Aarhus University), *The Monument of Philopappos in Athens Conceptualizing Memory and Identity in the Globalized Roman Empire*

**Oleksii Rudenko** (University of Glasgow and University of Tartu), *Thessaloniki, Cultural Heritage and Narratives: Juxtaposing Greeks, Romans, Slavs, Byzantines and Turks*

***16:00-16:30 Coffee break***

**SESSION 2 16:30-18:00**

***Experiences of Otherness Abroad***

**Chair: Zsuzsanna Reed (Central European University)**

**Aglaia Iankovskaia** (Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography, St Petersburg), *Curious Parallels: Reading Ibn Battuta and Marco Polo as Evidence for the Mediterranean's View of the World Beyond*

**Luis Alfredo De la Peña Jiménez** (Central European University), *A Caribbean Traveler in the Aegean Sea: The Francisco de Miranda's Trip to the Ottoman Empire in 1786*

**Eleonora Carosso**, (University of Padua) *Music in the Travel Diaries of Women from the Eighteenth to Twentieth Centuries*

**KEYNOTE LECTURE 18:30-20:00**

**Nicholas Purcell** (University of Oxford)

*The Capitol and the Long Religious History of Rome*

**20:00 Reception**

**Friday May 31**

**SESSION 3 9:00-11:00**

***Architecture and Infrastructure as Vehicles of Power and Identity***

**Chair: Katalin Szende** (Central European University)

**Margaret Helen Freeman** (University of Copenhagen) – “*The origin of the Arabs and the substance of Islam: Interactions between nomadic Bedouins and the ruling elite in the early Islamic architecture of the Levant, 660-750 CE*”

**Anahit Galstyan** (UC Santa Barbara, Fall 2019), *Transculturation in the Twelfth/Thirteenth-Century Kayseri/Caesarea: Kümbets and the Transmission of Architectural Knowledge*

**Sharon Mizbani** (Yale University, Fall 2019), *Reclamation, Rejection, and Reimagination: Water Infrastructure as Heritage in Post-Ottoman Nation-States*

**Gregory Waters** (UC Berkeley), *Integration or Imperialism: The Question of Turkish Influence in Northern Syria*

**11:00 Coffee break**

## **SESSION 4 11:30-13:30**

### **Religious Practice in and as the Contact Zone**

**Chair: Tijana Krstić (Central European University)**

**Kevin Stoba** (University of Liverpool), *Cutting the Bull! Using Network Analysis to Unlock the Secrets of the Cult of Mithras*

**Daniil Pleshak** (Saint Petersburg State University), *The Theotokos/ Mother of God after the Avar Siege of 626: Transformation and Subordination*

**Samuel A. Huckleberry** (Central European University), *The Sacral Realm of the Safavids in the Ottoman Periphery: the Şeyh Sâfi "Command" Manuscript and the Emergence of the 'K'izilbash in Early Seventeenth-Century Anatolia*

**Gabriel Doyle** (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), *The Irrelevance of the Concept of "Foreign Influence": The Case of Catholic Missionaries in Late Ottoman Istanbul's Urban Environment*

**13:30-14:30 Lunch break**

## **SESSION 5 14:30-16:00**

### **Creating Political Coherence in Modern Nation States**

**Chair: Brett Wilson (Central European University)**

**Mathew Madain** (UC Berkeley), *The "Sons of the Ghassanids" and the Exodus of 1918: Networks of Refuge across Transjordan-Palestine during the Great War*

**Benjamin Peterson** (Independent Scholar), *From Moral Betrayal to Imperial Decline: Reconceptualizing the Failure to Create an Armenian State and Britain's Strength After 1918*

**Joseph Harrison King** (UC Berkeley), *Forging "Sakartvelo": The Soviet-Turkish Crisis of 1945 and the Making of a Georgian Homeland in the 1930s-40s*

**16:00 Coffee break**

**SESSION 6 16:30-18:00**

**Intellectual and Artistic Networks and the Translation/Transmission of Knowledge**

**Chair: Baukje van den Berg (Central European University)**

**Lili Toth** (Central European University), *The Leading Role of Hellenization on the Creation of Ancient Jewish and Early Christian Artistic Language: The Creation of Man on a Painted Textile from the Fourth-Century Egypt*

**Luca Farina** (University of Padova, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, University of Verona), *Staring at the Stars in Palaeologan Constantinople: The case of Demetrios of Chloros on How to Cast a Horoscope*

**Samet Budak** (University of Michigan), *Cultural Entanglement and Intellectual History: Intellectual Contacts across the Eastern Mediterranean in the Late Middle Ages*

**KEYNOTE LECTURE 18:30-20:00**

**Arietta Papaconstantinou (University of Reading)**

*Ambivalent Archives: Record-keeping and the Dynamics of Cultural Hegemony in the Early Medieval Mediterranean*

**20:00 Reception**

**Saturday June 1**

**SESSION 7 10:00-12:00**

***Communities of Trade (Re)Defining Cultural Boundaries***

**Chair: Arietta Papaconstantinou (University of Reading)**

**Georgi Obatnin** (University of Helsinki), *A Widow in a Ninth Century Egyptian Town. The Position of Egyptian Widows in Early Medieval Islam: Continuity and Change*

**Zeynep Olgun** (Koç University), *Ghosts of the Navigators: The Serçe Limanı Shipwreck and Intercultural Exchange*

**Nicola Carotenuto** (Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa), *“Magna dilectio et fraternitas”?* *The Commercial Relationship between Pisans and Venetians in the Eastern Mediterranean*

**Sargis Baldaryan** (Yerevan State University, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice), *Exploring Early Modern Armenian Business Correspondence: “Secrets of Trade” of the Mediterranean Zone in Hierapet di Martin’s Letters*

**12:00-13:00 Lunch break**

**SESSION 8 13:00-14:30**

***Trans-Imperial/National Subjects, Minorities, and Mobility***

**Chair: Zeynep Türkyilmaz, (Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin)**

**Yener Koç**, (Boğaziçi University), *One Tribe, Three Empires, The Survival of a Nomadic Pastoral Tribe on a Triplex Confinium: The Case of Celali Tribe (1830-1870)*

**Kaan Kurt** (Bilkent University), *The Effects of Population Exchange on Greek and Turkish Literature: Dido Sotiriyu and Yaşar Kemal*

**Kayla Koontz** (UC Berkeley, USA), *The Last Train to Qamishli: The Syrian-Turkish Border and Transnational Kurdish Identity*

**14:30 Coffee break**

**SESSION 9 15:00-17:00**

***The Interface of Entangled Elites and Sovereigns***

**Chair: Tolga Esmer (Central European University)**

**Mariana Bodnaruk** (Central European University), *Greek Epigraphic Poetry and the Senatorial Aristocracy in the Later Roman Empire*

**Samuel Nwokoro** (University of Edinburgh), *The Umayyads and the Mansūr Family of Damascus (661-743): Allies of Coincidence or Necessity?*

**Consuelo Emilj Malara** (Hacettepe University), *Giovanni Timoteo Calosso: The Italian Refugee Friend of Sultan Mahmud II*

**Giorgio Ennas** (European University Institute of Florence), *Inclusive Diplomacy. Italian and Ottoman Diplomatic Elites in the European Concert of Powers (1859-1866)*

**KEYNOTE LECTURE 17:30-19:00**

**Zeynep Türkyilmaz**, (Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin)

*“Christian at Heart, Muslim in Guise?”: Tracing Pontic Crypto-Christian Experiences from the Ottoman Empire to Nation States*

**19:00 Concluding Remarks**

**Dunja Milenkovic** (CEU, Department of Medieval Studies)

**Flora Ghazaryan** (CEU, Department of History)

**John Kee** (CEU, Department of Medieval Studies)

**19:15 Conference Dinner at Köleves**