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An International Conference of the Wittgenstein-Award Project “Mobility, Microstructures and Personal Agency”

19-21 November 2021, Vienna

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Hollandstrasse 11-13, 1st floor

Programme

Friday, 19 November

14.00-15.00 Chair: Johannes Koder, University of Vienna (emeritus)
Yannis Stouraitis, *Experiences and Perceptions of Migration in Byzantine Society*

Christos Makrypoulias, Athens
A Territorial Army on the Move: Evidence for the Relocation of Thematic Troops in the Middle Byzantine Period

15.00-16.00 Chair: Walter Pohl, University of Vienna and Austrian Academy of Sciences

Johannes Preiser-Kapeller, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Between "Migration Periods": Population Movements, Environmental Change and Economic Dynamics within Byzantium and Adjacent Empires, 8th to 11th Centuries

Adam Izdebski, Max Planck-Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena
The "Big" Migrations and their Impact on the Balkan and Anatolian Environments: the Slavs (5th-7th c.) and the Turks (11th-14th c.)

16.00-16.15 Break

16.15-17.15 Chair: Christina Lutter, University of Vienna

Ekaterini Mitsiou, University of Vienna
Mobility, Networks and Personal Agency in the Empire of Nicaea: The Contribution of Lascarid Prosopography

Dimiter Angelov, Harvard University
The Prosopography of the Nicaean Court in Light of the Letters of Theodore II Laskaris: Opportunities and Challenges

17.15-18.15 Chair: Francesca Fiaschetti, University of Vienna

Nick Evans, King's College London
Mobile Materialists: Byzantium's Steppe Mirrors

Alexandra Vukovich, Oxford University
The Role of Byzantine Symbols in the Political Formation of Rus: the View from the Black Sea

18.15-18.30 Break

18.30-19.30 Chair: Florian Schwarz, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Rustam Shukurov, Moscow State University
Byzantium as a Cultural Attraction for the Asians (8th–15th Centuries)

Sophie Métivier, University of Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne
Mobility and Cultural Attraction in the Byzantine Provinces (8th-11th Centuries)

Saturday, 20 November

14.00-15.00 Chair: Mihailo Popovic, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Grigori Simeonov, Vienna
Ecclesiastical Mobility and Byzantine Bishops in the Reconquered Balkans. Power, Ideology and Culture in the Archbishopric of Ohrid (11th-14th Century)

Günter Prinzing, University of Mainz
Observations on the Mobility of Clergymen and Lay People in the Archbishopric of Ohrid and its Surroundings, 13th Century

15.00-16.00 Chair: José-Domingo Rodríguez Martín, University of Vienna

Ilias Nesseris, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Personal Agency on the Margins: Documenting Legal Practice in Byzantine Manuscripts

Daphne Penna, Groningen University
Byzantium on the Move: Mobility of Legal Practices between Byzantines and Italians (11th-12th Centuries)

16.00-16.15 Break

16.15-17.15 Chair: Andreas Rhoby, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Dirk Krausmüller, Vienna
The Debate about Weekly Fasts in 11th- and 12th-Century Byzantium

Floris Bernard, Ghent University
Sociological Dynamics in Byzantine Poetry (10th-12th Centuries): Meritocracy, Elitism, and Snobbery

17.15-18.15 Chair: Ewald Kislinger, University of Vienna (emeritus)

Claudia Rapp, University of Vienna and Austrian Academy of Sciences

Looking for 'Grassroots Movements' in Byzantium: Lay Piety and Group Formation

Peregrine Horden, Royal Holloway College
Mobility and Charity: the xenoï in the xenodocheia

Sunday, 21 November

14.00-15.00 Chair: Tara Andrews, University of Vienna

Emilio Bonfiglio, Tübingen University
Early Byzantine Libraries Through the Lens of Foreign Scholars: The Armenian Case

Bernard Coulie, Catholic University, Louvain
Libraries and the Circulation of Manuscripts in Medieval Armenia

15.00-16.00 Chair: Lioba Theis, University of Vienna

Giulia Rossetto, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Books on the Move: Greek Southern-Italian Codices in the Library of Saint Catherine's Monastery (Sinai)

Linda Safran, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto
Fingers and Frescoes of St. Catherine, from Sinai to Southern Italy

16.00-16.15 Break

16.15-17.15 Chair: Karin Krause, University of Chicago
Matthew Kinloch, Oslo University
Rethinking Agency in Byzantine Historiography: Towards a Gendered Grammar of Byzantine Historiographical Narrative

Roland Betancourt, University of California, Irvine
The Agency of Bagoas: Gender Variance and Sexuality in Nikephoros Basilakes

17.15-18.15 Chair: Max Diesenberger, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Christodoulos Papavarnavas, University of Cyprus
Saints' Mobility and Confinement: Deconstructing Byzantine Stories of (Fe)male Holiness

Stephanos Efthymadis, Open University of Cyprus
Spaces of Sanctity and Mobility of Saints in Byzantine Hagiography

18.15-19.00 General Discussion

With contributions from Francesca Dell'Acqua (University of Salerno), Karin Krause (University of Chicago), Judith Herrin (King's College London, emerita), Paul Magdalino (St Andrews, emeritus)