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Courts on the Move: Perspectives from the Global Middle Ages

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Pisanello's sketch of Emperor John VIII Palaiologos' arrival at the council in Ferrara-Florence (1438-4439) @ Musée du Louvre, Paris (M11062), 318A, recto © Evans, H. C., ed., Byzantium: Faith and Power (1261-1557), New York 2014, p. 528.

Monday, 26 June

Venue: Lecture Hall, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies,
University of Vienna, 1010 Vienna, Postgasse 7, Staircase 1, Third Floor

10:00-10:30 **Coffee and Registration**

10:30-10:45 **Welcome and Introduction**

Claudia Theune-Vogt (Dean, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna)
Lioba Theis (Chair, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna)
Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Session I Moderator: Patrick Geary (IAS, Princeton)

10:45-11:30 Karl-Heinz Spiess (University of Greifswald)

Itinerant Kingship and Lordship in Medieval Germany

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:30 Mark Cruse (Arizona State University)

Courts on the Move in Marco Polo's "Description of the World"

12:30-13:15 Rita Costa-Gomes (Towson University, USA)

The Power of the Camp:

Moving Encampments and Court Logistics in Late Medieval Iberia

13:15-15:00 Lunch for Invited Guests

Session II Moderator: Johannes Koder (University of Vienna)

15:00-15:45 Bernard Flusin (Université Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV) / ÉPHÉ (Ve Section))

Εὐταξία. Remarques sur le titre et le propos du *De Cerimoniis*

15:45-16:30 Ruth J. Macrides (University of Birmingham)

No Movement? The Late Byzantine Court

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

Session III Moderator: Yannis Stouraitis (University of Vienna)

17:00-17:45 Margaret Mullett (Queen's University Belfast)

Constantinople on the Move: Tented Courts as Capital Simulation

17:45-18:30 Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Projections of Power and Prestige: the Byzantine Court on the Move

18:30 Dinner for Invited Guests

Tuesday, 27 June

Venue: ÖAW Sitzungssaal, Austrian Academy of Sciences,
Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna, first floor

Session IV Moderator: Gert Melville (FOVOG, Technische Universität Dresden)
9:00-9:45 Ekaterini Mitsiou (University of Vienna)

An Empire in Exile, a Court on the Move: the Lascarid Example

9:45-10:30 Paraskevi Sykopetritou (University of Vienna)

Late Byzantine Court Ceremonial on the Move

10:30-11:15 Emilio Bonfiglio (University of Vienna)

“Court-less” People at the Court of Byzantium:

Armenian Embassies to Constantinople during the Armenian Interregnum (428-884)

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

Session V Moderator: Pauline Yu (American Council of Learned Societies)
11:45-12:30 Nicholas J. B. Evans (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Khazars at Court from the Volga to the Nile

12:30-13:15 Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Feeding Courts and Their Cities Between Vienna, Constantinople and Chang'an:

Urban Metabolisms and the (Re)Location of Pre-Modern Imperial Capitals in Comparison

13:15-15:00 Lunch for Invited Guests

15:30-17:30 Visit to the Hofburg Imperial Palace



A Qin Dynasty terracotta quadriga chariot from the tomb of Chinese emperor Qin Shi Huang 210 BCE © Terracotta Warriors exhibit presented at The Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois (Asien, China, Mausoleum Qin Shihuangdis, Terrakotta-Armee, Xi'an; www.istockphoto.com).

Wednesday, 28 June

Venue: ÖAW Sitzungssaal, Austrian Academy of Sciences,
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Session VI Moderator: Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik (University of Vienna)
9:00-9:45 David R. Knechtges (University of Washington)

The Qin and Han Imperial Courts on the Move

9:45-10:30 Wendy Swartz (Rutgers University)

Exile Poetry in Early Medieval China:

The Adventures and Misadventures of Xie Lingyun (385-433)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Session VII Moderator: Thomas Ertl (University of Vienna)
11:00-11:45 Robert Joe Cutter (Arizona State University)

Inscribing the Foreign in Early Medieval China:

The Preface to Xiao Yi's (508-555) Zhi gong tu

11:45-12:30 Paul W. Kroll (University of Colorado Boulder)

The Chinese Court in Flight, 756 CE: From the Fallen Capital to Szechwan

12:30-14:00 Lunch for Invited Guests

Session VIII Moderator: Walter Pohl
(University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences)

14:00-14:45 Nicola Di Cosmo (IAS, Princeton)

Turco-Mongol Capitals and Their Environment in Medieval Eurasia

14:45-15:30 Stephen H. West (Arizona State University)

The Mongol Chinese Court on the Move: Literary Representations in Chinese

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

Session IX Moderator: Scott L. Waugh (University of California, Los Angeles)
16:00-16:45 Ronald Egan (Stanford University)

A Widow's Perspective on a Chinese Court in Flight

16:45-17:30 **Concluding Discussion**

17:30-18:30 **Wine Reception**

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