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FRIDAY, 20 APRIL

18:00–18:10 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Emilio Bonfiglio | University of Vienna
Claudia Rapp | University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences

18:10–19:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Werner Seibt | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Keynote speaker: Bernard Coulie | Catholic University of Louvain
Armenian Translations from Greek Texts or the Inscription of the Armenian Particularism in the Byzantine Commonwealth

19:15–20:15 RECEPTION

SATURDAY, 21 APRIL

09:00–09:30 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

09:30–09:40 OPENING REMARKS
Emilio Bonfiglio | University of Vienna
Claudia Rapp | University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences

09:40–10:50 SESSION I: MANUSCRIPTS & COLOPHONS
Chair: Father Vahan | The Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna

09:40–10:00 Emmanuel van Elverdinghe | Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
‘The hand that wrote...’: The Journey of a Colophon Formula from Greek to Armenian

10:00–10:20 David Zakarian | University of Oxford
King Vasil’s Holy Sign of War

10:20–10:30 Respondent: Johannes Preiser-Kapeller | Austrian Academy of Sciences

10:30–10:50 Discussion

10:50–11:20 COFFEE BREAK

11:20–12:30 SESSION II: ART HISTORY
Chair: Basema Hamarneh | University of Vienna

11:20–11:40 Arpine Asryan | Matenadaran, Erevan
Byzantine-Armenian Encounters in Context: 10th-11th-c. Ornamental Sculpture of Armenian Monuments

11:40–12:00 Ayse Ercan | Columbia University, New York City
A Prelude to the Future: St George of Mangana and its Architectural Legacy

12:00–12:10 Respondent: Lioba Theis | University of Vienna

12:10–12:30 Discussion

12:30–14:00 LUNCH FOR INVITED GUESTS

14:00–15:30 SESSION III: RELIGIOUS ENCOUNTERS & CONFLICTS
Chair: Claudia Rapp | University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences

14:00–14:20 Kosuke Nakada | University of St Andrews
The Power of Relics: A Case Study on the Religious Contacts between Byzantium and Armenia in the 10th Century

14:20–14:40 Jesse Siragan Arlen | UCLA, Los Angeles
Gregory of Narek, Symeon the New Theologian, and the Inward Turn in Ascetic Experience

14:40–15:00 Karen Hamada | University of Tsukuba
Old Issues in the New Regime: Revival of the Religious Controversies between Byzantines and Armenians after the Fall of the Bagratid Kingdom

15:00–15:10 Respondent: Armenuhi Drost-Abgarjan | Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg

15:10–15:30 Discussion

15:30–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00–17:30 SESSION IV: SCIENTIFIC, LITURGICAL, AND PERSONAL MOBILITY
Chair: Ekaterini Mitsiou | University of Vienna

16:00–16:20 Heinrich Evanzin | University of Salzburg
The Enigma of the ‘Macedonian-’Herb – Ἐλαία / Μαϊντάνος

16:20–16:40 Mark Roosien | University of Notre Dame
Feasting the Lord’s Transfiguration in Armenian, Syriac, and Byzantine Traditions: The Travels of a Liturgical Feast from the Holy Land

16:40–17:00 Sundar Henny | University of Bern
Armenian, Greek, and Latin Pilgrims at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (1400–1600)

17:00–17:10 Respondent: Theo Maarten van Lint | University of Oxford

17:10–17:30 Discussion

17:30–18:00 ROUND TABLE & CONCLUDING REMARKS
Moderator: Emilio Bonfiglio | University of Vienna

19:00 DINNER FOR INVITED GUESTS

SUNDAY, 22 APRIL

Excursion to the Schallaburg Castle for conference participants

08:30–15:00 VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION ‘BYZANZ & DER WESTEN. 1000 VERGESSENE JAHRE’