Courts on the Move: Perspectives from the Global Middle Ages

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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 Ceremoniis**

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

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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, Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna, First Floor

**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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