

Wittgenstein-Prize Project
“Mobility, Microstructures and Personal Agency in Byzantium”

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**Byzantium beyond Byzantium:
What about Greek(s) in Eighth-Century Italy? The Case of the Hypapante**

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©Utrecht Psalter, f. 89b, detail of the Presentation in the Temple/Hypapante

Arguing against the historiographical tendency that posits a political, cultural, and linguistic disconnection between Byzantium and Rome after the advent of Latin popes, beginning with Stephen II (752–757), this lecture will address the question of the use of Greek language and the dissemination of a related religious culture in central Italy between the seventh and the eighth centuries. This will be done through the prism of Latin homilies on the Virgin Mary, in particular for the feast of the Purification of Mary/Presentation of Christ Child in the Temple/Hypapante in Greek, also known as Candlemas.

The event is open to the public and everyone is welcome to a wine reception after the lecture!

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