

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

International Medieval Congress in Leeds 2018 (2-5 July 2018)

“Moving Byzantium II” Sessions

Programme

**Papers are allocated 15 minutes,
followed by 30-minute discussion at the end of each session.**

1. Session 1003 (Wednesday, 4 July 2018, 09:00-10:30)

Moving Byzantium I: Methods, Tools and Concepts across Disciplines

Organizer: Claudia RAPP - University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences

Introduction - Moderator: Claudia RAPP (Leader, Moving Byzantium Project)

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

The project Moving Byzantium highlights the role of Byzantium as a global culture and analyses the internal flexibility of Byzantine society. It aims to contribute to a re-evaluation of a society and culture that has traditionally been depicted as stiff, rigid, and encumbered by its own tradition. This will be achieved by the exploration of issues of mobility, microstructures, and personal agency. In this session, new approaches to these questions from the perspectives of digital humanities (including HGIS and network theory), social history, archaeology and art history will be presented and discussed.

Johannes PREISER-KAPPELLER (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

Mapping Byzantine Mobility: Digital Tools and Analytical Concepts

Ekaterini MITSIOU (University of Vienna – Austria)

Digital Mobility: Byzantine Prosopography, Networks and Space

Florence LIARD (Fitch Laboratory, British School – Athens / IRAMAT-CRP2A, Université

Bordeaux-Montaigne); co-written with **Fotini KONDYLI** - University of Virginia, USA

Pottery Traditions “Beyond” Byzantium. Production and Supply in Rural and Urban Contexts within the Frankish Duchy of Athens and Thebes

Elizabeth S. BOLMAN (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH – USA)

Rethinking Sites of Production for Early Byzantine Visual Culture

2. Session 1103 (Wednesday, 4 July 2018, 11:15-12:45)

Moving Byzantium II: The Movement of Manuscripts

Organizer: Claudia RAPP - University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences

Moderator: Matthew KINLOCH (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

This session is devoted to the study of manuscripts from Byzantium and beyond (including the Islamic world), both as sources for and as objects of mobility across the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

Giulia ROSSETTO (University of Vienna – Austria)

From West to East: Evidence for Southern Italian Manuscript Culture in St. Catherine’s Monastery in the Sinai

Elias P. PETROU (TLG; University of California, Irvine, CA – USA)

Moving Byzantium to the West: Greek Manuscripts from Byzantine Constantinople to the Italian Cities in the 15th c.

Giuseppe PASCALE (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano – Italy)

Books Travelling Within and Beyond Byzantine Empire

Bruno DE NICOLA (Goldsmiths - University of London / Institute of Iranian Studies Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

Between Byzantium and the Mongols: A Rare Description of 13th Century Anatolia

3. Session 1203 (Wednesday, 4 July 2018, 14:15-15:45)

Moving Byzantium III: The Geographic Mobility of People, Objects, and Ideas
Organizers: Claudia RAPP - University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences & Dirk HOERDER - Universität Bremen / Arizona State University

Moderator: Nicholas J. B. EVANS (Clare College, University of Cambridge – UK)

In this session, channels of and motivations for the mobility of individuals (e. g. pilgrimage, exile), objects (on the basis of archaeological evidence) or ideas (religious identities) will be presented and compared.

Katinka SEWING (Heidelberg University – Germany)

A Network for Pilgrims at Late Antique Ephesus: The Case Study of a Newly Explored Pilgrimage Church at the Harbor Canal

Emilio BONFIGLIO (University of Vienna – Austria)

Historical Memory in Medieval Armenia Literature: The Making of the Armenian Church

Samvel GRIGORYAN (Paul-Valery University of Montpellier III – France)

The Chalcedonian Armenians: Moving Borders in Isauria and Pamphylia, 1176-1226

Florin LEONTE (Palacký University of Olomouc – Czech Republic)

Traveling and the Geographies of Disorientation: Exile in Late Byzantium

4. Session 1303 (Wednesday, 4 July 2018, 16:30-18:00)

Moving Byzantium IV: Social Mobility and the Byzantine World

Organizers: Claudia RAPP - University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences & Paraskevi SYKOPETRITOU- University of Vienna

Moderator: Ioannis STOURAITIS (University of Edinburgh – UK)

This session will focus on the social mobility of individuals and groups especially at the upper echelon of Byzantine society, both from within and from beyond the borders of the Empire.

Christos MALATRAS (University of Cologne – Germany)

Towards the Upper Echelon: Agency and Social Ascent in Late Byzantium

Francesco DALL’AGLIO (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences - Bulgaria)

Moving/Transforming *Paristrion*: From Byzantine Border Province to Heartland of the ‘Second Bulgarian Kingdom’

Christos G. MAKRYPOULIAS (Institute of Byzantine Research, Athens) & Angeliki PAPAGEORGIU (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

Moving in Exalted Circles: Balkan Elites, Shifting Loyalties, and Social Mobility in Byzantium (Eleventh-Thirteenth Centuries)

Márton RÓZSA (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest – Hungary)

Incoming Governor: The Narrative of Visiting Provincial Administrators and its Function in the Byzantine Epistolography in the “Long” Twelfth Century

Concluding Discussion and Remarks

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