

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

**Karin Krause**  
**The University of Chicago**

*Divine Craftsmanship:*  
*The Mandylyon Legend as an Allegory of the Nature of Christ*

**Monday, 19 October 2020, 13:00 to 14:30 CEST**

**Virtual Lecture and Discussion**

The Wittgenstein Project Team invites you to a virtual lecture and discussion with Prof. Karin Krause (The University of Chicago).

The virtual meeting hosted via Zoom will provide the unique opportunity to discuss with **Prof. Karin Krause** her current work on “**Divine Craftsmanship: The Mandylyon Legend as an Allegory of the Nature of Christ.**” This lecture presents a new reading of the Mandylyon narrative as an affirmation of orthodox Christological doctrines regarding the dual nature of Christ. Prof. Krause examines a variety of sources to show that an allegorical reading of the legend was intended from the outset, and the associated objects, the Mandylyon and its replicas, were conceived of as material signifiers of the Logos incarnate. The *acheiropoieton*’s doctrinal significance leads her to reconsider its common interpretation as a most authentic icon of Christ.

After a 45-minute lecture by Prof. Krause, there will be time for discussion, moderated by Prof. Dr. Claudia Rapp.

*Karin Krause is Assistant Professor of Byzantine Theology and Visual Culture at the University of Chicago. She is currently completing a book manuscript entitled “Divine Inspiration: Notions of Authenticity in Art and Theology.” In this study, she examines how concepts of the divine origin of texts and material artifacts were employed in Byzantium to promulgate claims of holiness, truth, and authority. She is an affiliate scholar of the Wittgenstein Award Project.*

**Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who might be interested in the topic.**

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After registering, you will automatically receive a confirmation email containing information about the event as well as the Zoom Link, Username/ID and Password.

If you have any questions, please contact the Zoom host:

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