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

Moving Byzantium Sessions at the IMC Leeds, 3-6 July 2023

PROGRAMME

Session 113, Monday 3 July 2023: 11.15-12.45

Title: **"Moving Byzantium I: Professional Mobility within the Byzantine Empire"**

Abstract: The research programme 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 is achieved by the exploration of issues of mobility, micro-structures, and personal agency. The papers in this session use various types of source evidence to illustrate motivations, experiences, and frameworks of professional mobility, both in terms of space and social status, for maritime, village, and commercial communities within the empire across the Byzantine centuries.

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Paper -a   How Byzantine Sailors Experienced Maritime Mobility (Language: English)
Speaker: Zeynep Olgun, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge
Index Terms: Byzantine Studies, Daily Life; Maritime and Naval Studies; Social History

Paper -b   An Assortment of Harbours or a Network of Naval Bases?: The Dispersal of Maritime

Forces in the Middle Byzantine Period (Language: English)
Speaker: Christos G. Makrypoulias, Independent Scholar, Athens
Index Terms: Administration; Byzantine Studies; Maritime and Naval Studies; Military History

Paper -c   Dynamics of Movement: Villager Agency in the Byzantine Countryside (Language: English)
Speaker: Mark Pawlowski, Department of Classics & Letters / School of Visual Arts,
      University of Oklahoma
Index Terms: Administration; Archaeology - General; Byzantine Studies; Daily Life

Paper -d   A Law unto Themselves: Social Mobility of 6th-Century Bankers in (Legal)
      Comparative Perspective (Language: English)
Speaker: David Rockwell, Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University,
      Budapest/Wien
Index Terms: Byzantine Studies; Economics - Trade; Law; Social History

Session 213, Monday 3 July 2023: 14.15-15.45

Title: "Moving Byzantium II: Mobility Beyond the Byzantine Borders - Clerics, Pilgrims, and Nobility"

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Moderator/Chair: Nikolaos Zagklas, Institut für Byzantinistik & Neogräzistik, Universität Wien

Paper -a   'Pilgrim Functionaries' and 'Imagined Communities' in Middle Byzantium and
     Song China (Language: English)
Speakers: Nicholas J. B. Evans, Institute for Medieval Studies / School of History,
     University of Leeds
     Ruisen Zheng, Department of History, King's College London
Index Terms: Administration; Byzantine Studies; Language and Literature - Comparative;
     Learning (The Classical Inheritance)

Paper -b   Networks beyond Byzantium: Echoes of the Monothelete Controversy in the Post-Roman West
     (Language: English)
Speaker: Sihong Lin, School of Humanities, University of Glasgow
Index Terms: Byzantine Studies; Ecclesiastical History; Hagiography; Politics and Diplomacy

Paper -c   Between Armenia, Byzantium, and Cilicia: Migrations and Changes in Identity among
     the Armenian High Nobility in the Light of New Data, 9th-12th Centuries (Language:
     English)
Speaker: Samvel Grigoryan, Institut für Mittelalterforschung/ Österreichische Akademie der
     Wissenschaften, Wien

Index Terms: Byzantine Studies; Demography

Title: **"Moving Byzantium III: The Fragmentation and (Re-)Entanglement of 13th-Century Anatolia"**

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Sponsor: FWF-Project 'Entangled Charters of Anatolia', Abteilung Byzanzforschung, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien/ Institut für Byzantinistik & Neogräzistik, Universität Wien

Organisers: Johannes Preiser-Kapeller, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien

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Paper -a   Mapping the Prosopographical Networks of the Lascarid Realm, 1204-1261
              (Language: English)
Speakers: Ekaterini Mitsiou, Institut für Byzantinistik & Neogräzistik, Universität Wien
Index Terms: Byzantine Studies; Computing in Medieval Studies; Genealogy and Prosopography;
              Social History

Paper -b   Greek Christian Networks in Muslim Anatolia: Noble Courts, Cities, and Countryside
              (Language: English)
Speaker: Rustam Shukurov, University of St Andrews/Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften,
              Wien
Index Terms: Byzantine Studies; Genealogy and Prosopography; Islamic and Arabic Studies; Politics and
              Diplomacy

Paper -c   Entangled Charters of Anatolia, 1200-1300: Networks of Charters as Webs of
              World-Ordering after Crisis (Language: English)
Speaker: Johannes Preiser-Kapeller, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Österreichische Akademie
              der Wissenschaften, Wien
Index Terms: Byzantine Studies; Charters and Diplomatics; Computing in Medieval Studies; Politics and
              Diplomacy