‘Mobility and Migration’ are concepts that open up broad new vistas on Byzantine history and culture—from social and political issues (e.g. vertical mobility in Byzantine society, non-sedentary peoples within and outside of Byzantium, diplomatic travel and gift exchange), to questions of migration and trade and their cultural impact (e.g. the spread of artistic or literary motifs, the dissemination of religious movements). Two workshop-style conferences during 2016 are intended to lay the groundwork for future study by focusing on different kinds of sources (June: textual sources, November: material culture), the methodological challenges they pose and their potential to contribute to a fuller and more nuanced understanding of social permeability and intercultural contact in the Byzantine Middle Ages.

**Friday, 17 June**

11:00-11:15  Registration and Coffee

11:15-11:45  WELCOMING REMARKS: Claudia Rapp, Vienna University

11:45-12:45  KEYNOTE LECTURE AND DISCUSSION – Moderator: Ewald Kislinger, Vienna University

**Dirk Hoerder**, Arizona State University  
*Mobilities and Migrations: Reflections on Empirical and Theoretical Frameworks in a Global Perspective*

12:45-13:00  Break

13:00-14:00  KEYNOTE LECTURE AND DISCUSSION – Moderator: Claudia Rapp, Vienna University

**Yannis Stouraitis**, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
*Byzantium and Migration: An Introduction*

14:00-15:30  Lunch

15:30-16:30  SIGILLOGRAPHY – Moderator: Lioba Theis, Vienna University  
Respondent: Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

**Jean-Claude Cheynet**, Université Paris-Sorbonne IV, Paris  
*Les sceaux, une source majeure pour l’étude de la mobilité sociale au sein de la société byzantine*

16:30-16:45  Break

16:45-17:45  EPIGRAPHY – Moderator: Johannes Preiser-Kapeller, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna  
Respondent: Andreas Rhoby, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

**Denis Feissel**, Collège de France, Paris  
*Foreigners in Early Byzantine Inscriptions*

18:00  Dinner for all Conference Participants
Saturday, 18 June

9:00-10:00    POETRY – Moderator: Carolina Cupane, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
          Respondent: Nikolaos Zagklas, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

    Floris Bernard, Central European University, Budapest
    *Vertical Mobility and its Displacements in Byzantine Poetry*

10:00-10:15    Break

10:15-11:15    HAGIOGRAPHY – Moderator: Elisabeth Schiffer, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
          Respondent: Claudia Rapp, Vienna University

    Eleonora Kountoura Galaki, Institute of Historical Research, The National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece
    *Aspects of Migration and Societal Conditions: the Perspective of Late Byzantine Hagiographers*

11:15-11:30    Break

11:30-12:30    EPISTOLOGY – Moderator: Ekaterini Mitsiou, Vienna University
          Respondent: Alexander Riehle, Vienna University

    Florin Leonte, Villa I Tatti, Harvard University, USA
    *Mobility and Rhetoric of Friendship in the Byzantine-Italian Scholarly Communities of the Fifteenth Century*

12:30-12:45    Break

12:45-13:30    CONCLUDING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION

13:30-15:00    Lunch

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