

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

Forum Moving Byzantium III

The Wittgenstein Project Team invites you to our third group discussion meeting. “Forum Moving Byzantium III” will take place on Monday 14.11.2016, from 18:15 to 19:45, at the Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies (Postgasse 7, 1010 Vienna, 1. Stiege, 3. Stock, Seminarraum).

We will discuss the topic “Microstructures in Byzantium: Groups and Group Formation” on the basis of the following publications (to be read in sequence):

- 1) Redman, Ch. L., “Resilience Theory in Archaeology”, *American Anthropologist* 107.1 (2005), 70-77.
- 2) Bracewell, W., “Ritual Brotherhood Across Frontiers in the Eastern Adriatic Hinterland, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries”, *History and Anthropology* 27.3 (2016), 338-358.
- 3) Beck, H.-G., „Die Mobilität der byzantinischen Gesellschaft“, *Orient* 14 (1978), 1-14.
- 4) Beck, H.-G., *Byzantinisches Gefolgschaftswesen*, Munich 1965 [Sitzungsber. d. Bayer. Akad. d. Wiss., phil.-hist. Kl. Heft 5, 1–32].
- 5) Rosenwein, B., *Emotional Communities in the early Middle Ages*, Ithaca, N.Y. – London 2006. [Introduction: pp. 1-131 and Conclusion: pp. 191-203].
- 6) Rapp, C., *Brother-Making in Late Antiquity and Byzantium: Monks, Laymen and Christian Ritual*, Oxford - New York 2016. [Chapter 4: The Social Practice of Brother-Making in Byzantium; Part A.: Seventh Century Transitions, pp. 180-191].

Presenter and moderator will be Prof. Dr. Claudia Rapp, leader of the Wittgenstein Project.

After a brief introduction in English, a group discussion will follow both in English and in German.

In continuation of your previous two sessions, the following questions and issues will be raised:

What are the possibilities for historical change?

What are the motors and who are the agents of such change in Byzantium? And in particular: what role can groups play?

How, by what means and for what purpose are they formed?

How do they articulate their group identity?

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Ms. Paraskevi Sykopetritou (Project Coordinator) in order to receive further information and the relevant reading material:

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We hope that you can join our Forum for fruitful discussions!