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In this concluding conference, the team members present aspects of their own research in dialogue with colleagues who are working on related topics.

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2) Connections between places due to the mobility of female members of the Byzantine elite between 1282 and 1402; nodes are sized according to their number of connections (© Network and map: J. Preiser-Kapeller, OEAW, 2016; johannes.preiser-kapeller@oeaw.ac.at)
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2021
10:00–12:30 Walking tour of Medieval Vienna with Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (optional)
13:30–14:00 Arrival, Covid-Check and Refreshments
14:00–15:00 Chair: Johannes Koder | University of Vienna (emeritus)
Yannis Stouraitis | University of Edinburgh
Experiences and Perceptions of Migration in Byzantine Society
Christos Makrypoulos | Athens
A Territorial Army on the Move: Evidence for the Relocation of Thematic Troops in the Middle Byzantine Period
15:00–16:00 Chair: Walter Pohl | University of Vienna and Austrian Academy of Sciences
Johannes Preiser-Kapeller | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Between „Migration Periods.“: Population Movements, Environmental Change and Economic Dynamics within Byzantium and Adjacent Empires, 6th to 11th Century
Adam Izeleibki | Max Planck-Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena
The „Big“ Migrations and their Impact on the Balkan and Anatolian Environments: the Slavs (5th–7th c.) and the Turks (11th–14th c.)
16:00–16:15 BREAK
16:15–17:15 Chair: Christina Lutter | University of Vienna
Ekaterini Mitsiou | University of Vienna
Mobility, Networks and Personal Agency in the Empire of Nicaea: The Contribution of Lascarid Prosopography
Dimiter Angelov | Harvard University
The Prosopography of the Nicaean Court in Light of the Letters of Theodore II Laskaris: Opportunities and Challenges
17:15–18:15 Chair: Francesca Fiaschetti | University of Vienna
Nick Evans | King’s College London
Mobile Materialists: Byzantium’s Steppe Mirrors
Alexandrea Vakouchevich | Oxford University
The Role of Byzantine Symbols in the Political Formation of Rus: the View from the Black Sea
18:15–18:30 BREAK
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2021
13:30–14:00 Arrival, Covid-Check and Refreshments
14:00–15:00 Chair: Mihaila Popović | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Grigori Simeonov | Vienna
Ecclesiastical Mobility and Byzantine Bishops in the Reconquered Balkans. Power, Ideology and Culture in the Archdiocese of Ohrid (11th–14th Century)
Günter Prinzing | University of Mainz
Observations on the Mobility of Clergymen and Lay People in the Archdiocese of Ohrid and its Surroundings, 13th Century
15:00–16:00 Chair: José-Domingo Rodriguez Martin | University of Vienna
Ilias Nesseris | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Personal Agency on the Margins: Documenting Legal Practice in Byzantine Manuscripts
Daphne Penna | Leuven University
Byzantium on the Move: Mobility of Legal Practices between Byzantines and Italians (11th-12th Centuries)
16:00–16:15 BREAK
16:15–17:15 Chair: Andreas Rhoby | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Dirk Krausmüller | Vienna
The Debate about Weekly Fasts in 11th- and 12th-Century Byzantium
Floris Bernard | Ghent University
Sociological Dynamics in Byzantine Poetry (10th-12th Centuries): Meritocracy, Elitism, and Snobbery
17:15–18:15 Chair: Ewald Kislinger | University of Vienna (emeritus)
Claudia Rapp | University of Vienna and Austrian Academy of Sciences
Looking for ‘Grassroots Movements’ in Byzantium: Lay Piety and Group Formation
Peregrine Horden | Royal Holloway College
Mobility and Charity: the xenii in the Byzanadic
19:00 Conference Dinner for Invited Participants
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2021
13:30–14:00 Arrival, Covid-Check and Refreshments
14:00–15:00 Chair: Tara Andrews | University of Vienna
Emilio Bondiello | Tübingen University
Early Byzantine Libraries Through the Lens of Foreign Scholars: The Armenian Case
Bernard Cossa | Catholic University, Louvain
Libraries and the Circulation of Manuscripts in Medieval Armenia
15:00–16:00 Chair: Liese Theis | University of Vienna
Giulia Rossetto | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Books on the Move: Greek Southern-Italian Codices in the Library of Saint Catherine’s Monastery (Sinai)
Linda Safraa | Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto
Fingers and Frieses of St. Catherine, from Sinai to Southern Italy
16:00–16:15 BREAK
16:15–17:15 Chair: Karin Krause | University of Chicago
Matthew Kimel | Oslo University
Rethinking Agency in Byzantine Historiography: Towards a Gendered Grammar of Byzantine Historiographical Narrative
Roland Betancourt | University of California, Irvine
The Agency of Images: Gender Variance and Sexuality in Nikyphon Basilakes