

The various phases of life and their manifestations in theory and social reality constitute a well-established area of research in the fields of western medieval studies and ancient history. In this respect the Byzantine East has been widely neglected. This symposium will focus on the Byzantine experience of adolescence, which may be defined as the biological transition from childhood to adulthood as well as the social and psychological experience of leaving the care of parents, guardians and family groups and the gradual integration into adult society.

The symposium aims at elucidating this phenomenon by addressing a variety of questions, from diverse disciplinary viewpoints. Issues for discussion may include: the characteristics and descriptive terminology of adolescence; the prevailing attitude of adults towards adolescents; their role and position in society; the conflict of generations and its articulation in expression of doubts, criticism, youth culture. Another set of questions relates to the mechanisms of transition from one stage to another: departure from the family, preparation for the next stage through education, marriage and monastic orders as a new entry point, social and religious rites of passage, the integration of people coming of age into social structures and professional organisations. All of these experiences vary according to gender, social strata, and depending on the historical period.

The symposium aims at contributing to a more accurate definition and a better understanding of all mentioned problems and to show future trajectories for research.

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# COMING OF AGE

Adolescence and Society in Medieval Byzantium

◀ International Symposium ▶



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**3. Februar 2014**

Theatersaal  
Herbert Hunger-Haus  
Sonnenfelsgasse 19  
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**4. Februar 2014**

Hörsaal  
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## Monday, 3 February

14.00 BEGRÜSSUNGSKAFFEE UND BEREITSTELLUNG DER UNTERLAGEN

14.30 Begrüßung **Johannes Koder**

Grußworte

**Claudia Theune-Vogt**

Dekanin der Historisch-Kulturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät

**Ewald Kislinger**

Vorstand des Instituts für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik

**Johannes Koder (Wien):** Einführung

**Despoina Ariantzi (Wien):** Presentation of the Project

15.15 **Despoina Ariantzi (Wien):** Autonome Sozialisierung der Adoleszenten: case studies (6.-11. Jahrhundert)

**Alice-Marie Talbot (Washington, D.C.):** The Adolescent Monastic in Middle and Late Byzantium

Diskussion

16.30 KAFFEPAUSE

17.00 **Leslie Brubaker (Birmingham):** Images of adolescents in Byzantium

**Cecily Hennessy (London):** Representations and Roles of Adolescence in Apocryphal Imagery

Diskussion

18.30 ABENDEMPFANG IM HOF DES HERBERT HUNGER-HAUSES

Vorsitz:  
**Peter  
Soustal**

Vorsitz:  
**Lioba  
Theis**

### Locations

3 February – Theatersaal  
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4 February – Lecture Hall  
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## Tuesday, 4 February

Vorsitz:  
**Andreas  
Rhoby**

9.00 **Peter E. Pieler (Wien):** Der rechtliche Rahmen des Übergangs von der Kindheit zum Erwachsensein

**Béatrice Caseau (Paris):** Too young to be accountable: is 15 years old a threshold in Byzantium?

**Günter Prinzing (Mainz):** Adoleszenten in der kirchlichen Rechtsprechung der Byzantiner (12. bis 15. Jahrhundert)

Diskussion

10.45 KAFFEPAUSE

Vorsitz:  
**Johannes  
Koder**

11.15 **Hans-Werner Goetz (Hamburg):** Adoloescentia in abendländischen Quellen des frühen Mittelalters: zwischen Kindheit und Erwachsensein? Ein begriffsgeschichtlicher Zugang

**Karl Brunner (Wien):** „Pueri crescere volunt“. Der Übergang von Kinder- zu Erwachsenenrollen im Selbstverständnis des westlichen Mittelalters

Diskussion

12.30 MITTAGSPAUSE

Vorsitz:  
**Carolina  
Cupane**

14.30 **Ulrike Sirsch (Wien):** Emerging Adulthood – Erwachsen werden oder Erwachsen sein

**Catia Galatariotou (London):** Adolescence in Byzantium: plus que ça change...?

Diskussion

15.45 KAFFEPAUSE

Vorsitz:  
**Ewald  
Kislinger**

16.15 **Thomas Pratsch (Berlin):** Heil und Heilung Jugendlicher – Inkubationsdarstellungen und Wunderheilungen in byzantinischen Heiligenviten

**Petra Melichar (Prag):** Desires of Adolescent Women in Byzantium

**Tonia Kioussopoulou (Kreta):** Adolescence in the Late Byzantine Society (14th–15th century)

Diskussion

18.00 **Claudia Rapp (Wien):** Concluding Remarks

19.30 ABENDESSEN FÜR VORTRAGENDE,  
VORSITZENDE UND GELADENE GÄSTE