

Mobility and Migration in Byzantium: Sources and Concepts

17-18 June 2016

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'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 EPISTOLOGRAPHY – 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

Forthcoming Vienna Dialogues:

25-26 November 2016

Vienna Dialogues Continued – “Mobility and Migration: the Perspective of Material Culture”

For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Paraskevi Sykopetritou, M.A. (Coordinator, Moving Byzantium Project): paraskevi.sykopetritou@univie.ac.at or s.sykopetritou@gmail.com