

**24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies
(Istanbul, 23-28 August 2021)**

Plenary Sessions Program

Monday, 23 August 2021

Keynote Lecture: Paul Magdalino (Reflections and elaboration on the Congress and its main theme, *Byzantium – Bridge between Worlds*)

1. Constantinople (Session dedicated to the memory of Sevgi Gönül)

Moderator: Robert Ousterhout

Speakers:

Rahmi Asal (İstanbul Yeraltı Ulaşım Projeleri Arkeolojik Kazılarında Ortaya Çıkarılan Bizans Dönemi Taş Eserleri)

Albrecht Berger (Constantinople in the Middle Byzantine Period)

Nevra Necipoğlu (Constantinople in the Late Byzantine Period)

Tuesday, 24 August 2021

2. Byzantium Connecting Cultures: Textual Exchanges

Moderator: Niels Gaul

Speakers:

Muriel Debié (Syriac Historiography and Cultural Transmission between Hellenism and Islam)

Paolo Odorico (Translation and Appropriation of Literary Works and Forms: Byzantium and the West)

Jonathan Shepard (Texts and Tales of Byzantium in Primarily Oral Cultures, from the Caucasus to Canterbury)

3. Byzantium and the Turks

Moderator: Melek Delilbaşı

Speakers:

Alexander Beihammer (Byzantium and the Emergence of Turkish-Muslim Anatolia, 11th-12th Centuries)

Rustam Shukurov (Turkish Presence in Byzantium, 12th-14th Centuries)

Buket Kitapçı Bayrı (Land of Rome, Its Frontiers and Its People in the Story-worlds of Turkish Muslim Epics)

Wednesday, 25 August 2021

4. Continuity and Break: From Ancient to Medieval Worlds

Moderator: Jim Crow

Speakers:

Zeliha Gökalp, Nikos Tsivikis (Understanding Urban Transformation in Amorium from the Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages)

Mark Jackson (Understanding Urban transformation in Pisidia and Isauria through Ceramic Production)

Sabine Ladstätter (Of Megacities and Villages. A Medieval Archaeology of Ephesos)

Thursday, 26 August 2021

5. Social, Cultural and Material Networks

Moderator: Michel Kaplan

Speakers:

Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (A Well-connected Oecumene? The Entangling and Fragmentation of Ecclesiastical Networks in Late Byzantium and Beyond)

Koray Durak (Networks of Exchange between Byzantium and the Islamic Near East, 9th-11th Centuries, with a Focus on Gifts)

Joanita Vroom (The Great Connector: Pottery in the Byzantine World)

Friday, 27 August 2021

6. Dialogue among Byzantinists: Linking Fields, Approaches, and Methods

Moderator: Claudia Rapp

Speakers:

Jean-Claude Cheynet (Byzantine Sigillography in Dialogue with Other Fields of Byzantine Studies)

Brigitte Pitarakis (Creative Thinking and Interdisciplinarity in Approaches to Byzantine Artistic Production)

Athanasios Vionis (Interdisciplinarity in Byzantine Studies: A 'Sacred Landscapes' Approach)

Ingela Nilsson (Linking Fields, Approaches, and Methods in Byzantine Literary Studies)

Daphne Papadatou (History of Byzantine Law: Where Humanities and the Social Sciences Intersect)

Saturday, 28 August 2021

7. Bridging Interdisciplinary Gaps: New Ways of Making Connections

Moderator: Judith Herrin

Speakers:

Amy Papalexandrou (Sounds that Travel: New Approaches to the Soundscapes of the Medieval Mediterranean)

Adam Izdebski (Climate Change and Its Societal Impact on Byzantium)

Mihailo Popović (Historical Geography of the Byzantine Empire and Digital Humanities)

Günder Varinlioğlu (Byzantine Landscape Archaeology)

Myrto Veikou (Space as Bridge among Byzantine Studies, Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences)