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## Round Tables

Herodotus in Byzantium: Transmission, Readership, Imitation

*Convener: Julián Bértola*

Byzantium and/or *Weltliteratur*? Moments and forms of contacts and suggestions

*Conveners: Tomás Fernández, Paolo Cesaretti, Niccolò Zorzi*

(In)Stability on the Frontiers: Dialogues between Archaeology and History

*Conveners: Basema Hamarneh, Grace Stafford*

After Byzantine Antioch: Multilingualism and Greek Manuscript Culture in the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean

*Conveners: Adrian Pirtea, Giulia Rossetto*

Medieval Sicily as a Multilingual and Multicultural Centre

*Conveners: Nicola Carpentieri, Nikos Zagklas*

Scholars, Teachers and the Patriarchate of Constantinople in the Palaiologan Period: New Insights and New Questions

*Conveners: Maria-Lucia Goiana, Ekaterini Mitsiou*

Entangled Rhetoric in the Byzantine and the Syriac Worlds (9th to 13th c.)

*Conveners: Krystina Kubina, Mara Nicosia*

New Approaches to Medieval Greek Grammar: Bridging Language Teaching, Manuscripts, People, and Cultures




*Conveners: Valentina Barrile, Ugo Mondini*

Logic in Late Antiquity and Early Byzantium

*Conveners: Smilen Markov, Oksana Goncharko*



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Threaded Worlds: Current Approaches to Late Antique and Early Byzantine Textiles

*Convener: Cecily J. Hilsdale*

Studying Byzantine Scientific Cultures: Current Developments and a Vision for the Future

*Convener: Anne-Laurence Caudano*

Byzantium and the Silk Road

*Convener: Qiang Li*

Translating People: Humans, Characters, and Authority

*Conveners: Matthew Kinloch, Petra Melichar*

Les érudits européens et Byzance aux XVIe-XVIIIe siècles / European scholars and Byzantium  
in the 16th-18th centuries

*Conveners: Marie-France Auzépy, Anne-Marie Cheny*

Les livres comme témoins de la circulation des savoirs dans les lieux d'interface linguistique

*Conveners: André Binggeli, Matthieu Cassin, Marie Cronier*

Droit canonique, droit romain et byzantin : l'évolution des peines touchant les infractions et  
crimes dans le cadre familial / Canon law, Roman and Byzantine law: the evolution of  
penalties for offenses and crimes within the family

*Conveners: Béatrice Caseau, Francesca Barone*

Reconfigurer l'espace par l'art chrétien sous la Pax Ottomanica

*Convener: Lilyana Yordanova*

Sexes et Genres, Byzance au-delà de Byzance




*Conveners: Georges Sidéris, Shaun Tougher*

Letters in Late Antiquity and Beyond. Collections and Conceptions

*Conveners: Michael Grünbart, Bronwen Neil*



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Boundless Byzantium: Post-conquest material culture after the end of Byzantine rule

*Conveners: Armin Bergmeier, Jon C. Cubas Díaz*

Arabo-Greek Translations in Byzantium and Beyond

*Conveners: Luca Farina, Joe Glynnias, Johannes Pahlitzsch*

Inscriptions between stone and fresco: aspects of materiality in the Byzantine monumental script culture

*Conveners: Georgios Pallis, Manolis Patedakis*

Byzantium and the Muslim World beyond conflict: tracing aspects of exchange in science with a focus on technology, crafts, and expertise

*Conveners: Taxiarchis Koliass, Demetrios Letsios, Maria Leontsini*

Entering and Experiencing Enclosed Spaces in (Post-) Byzantium: Open Questions in Dark Zones

*Conveners: Christos Stavrakos, Christodoulos Papavarnavas, Galina Fingarova*

Urban Families and Households in Byzantium (seventh-thirteenth centuries)

*Conveners: Stephanos Efthymiadis, Fotis Vasileiou*

Looking beyond the pot: Technological and societal changes in late sixth to thirteenth century ceramic productions in the Aegean

*Conveners: Joanita Vroom, Platon Petridis*

Wall-Painting in the Medieval Kingdom of Hungary. Some rarely considered trends

*Convener: Etele Kiss*

Solitude and Aloneness in Byzantium




*Conveners: Mati Meyer, Stavroula Constantinou*

Rethinking the Byzantine State

*Conveners: Youval Rotman, Kostis Smyrlis*



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Iconomachy, iconoclasm: reflections on the last decades of scholarly studies

*Conveners: Silvia Ronchey, Francesco Monticini*

Viva voce. The agency of envoys in the medieval Mediterranean

*Conveners: Francesca Dell'Acqua, Clemens Gantner*

Documentary lingua franca in the Byzantine world "and beyond": private disputes from the 6th to the 15th century

*Conveners: Cristina Rognoni, Arietta Papaconstantinou*

Macedonia and some other Balkan regions: within or beyond Byzantium

*Convener: Toni Filiposki*

AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Byzantine Studies

*Conveners: Claudia Sode, Staffan Wahlgren*

Byzantium Beyond Humans: Non-Human Species as Social and Cultural Actors

*Conveners: Paroma Chatterjee, Przemysław Marciniak, Tristan Schmidt*

Women in the Nile Valley during the Byzantine Period and beyond: Society, Religion, and Art

*Conveners: Magdalena Łaptaś, Andrea Myers Achi*

Epigraphic Diversities – Byzantine Inscriptions from Comparative and Cross-Cultures Perspectives

*Conveners: Pawel Nowakowski, Arietta Papaconstantinou, Ida Toth*

Byzantine Heritage in South-Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages




*Conveners: Srđan Pirivatrić, Andrei Timotin*

Central Europe under the Wings of the Double-Headed Eagle: Miraculous Images of the Virgin Mary in Churches and Monasteries Beyond Byzantium

*Convener: Ivan Gerát*



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Régner au-delà des frontières : l'impérialité à l'époque paléologue (XIIIe-XVe siècle)

*Conveners: Raúl Estangüi Gómez, Brendan Osswald*

Memories of the Empire: Byzantine Heritages in Italy

*Conveners: Francesco Giannachi, Aglae Pizzone*

Dreams of Tsargrad: Constantinople in Russian imperial imagination

*Convener: Olof Heilo*

Byzantine Prayer Traditions Beyond Byzantium: Manuscripts and Practices

*Convener: Renate Burri*

Byzantium beyond Byzantium: Intercultural Dialogue with Georgia

*Conveners: Antony Eastmond, Manuela Studer Karlen*

Late Medieval Practices of Ownership in Byzantium and Beyond: Byzantine, Armenian, Serbian, and Ottoman Contexts

*Convener: Nevra Necipoğlu*

Exchanges between Crete and the Mediterranean World (7th-11th Centuries)

*Convener: Koray Durak*

Networks, mobility and the maintenance of Christian communities beyond Byzantium, c. 800 C.E.-1500 C.E.

*Conveners: Catherine Holmes, Johannes Pahlitzsch, Jonathan Shepard*

Byzantine Literature in and beyond Byzantium: Canons and Canonicities




*Convener: Alexander Riehle*

STYLE: Byzantium Beyond Byzantium

*Conveners: Sarah Bassett, Elizabeth S. Bolman*



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Eastern Roman Art and Culture Beyond “Byzantium?”

*Conveners: Darlene Brooks Hedstrom, Leonora Neville*