

## **Graduate Exchange in Late Antique, Byzantine and Medieval History**

FU Berlin, University of Mainz, University of Oxford, Princeton University, and University of Vienna

Workshop, May 19-20, 2023  
Louis A. Simpson Building A71,  
Princeton University

### **Friday, May 19, 2023**

#### ***Session 1 (9:00 am – 11 15 am) Chair: Ida Toth, Oxford***

Welcome

Linda Putelli (Vienna), “The management of large estates in late antique Egypt“

Philipp Scharfenberger (Berlin), “Loan Transactions in Late Antique Egypt according to the Coptic Papyri from Shmun” (Hermopolis)

Lucia Waldschütz (Princeton), Standing Surety in Greek, Coptic, and Arabic: From Byzantine to Early Arab Egypt

#### ***Session 2 (11:30 am – 12 50 pm) Chair: Conor O’Brien, Oxford***

Mary Hitchman (Oxford), “Who wrote Jerome's Letter 46? Contested Authorship in the Manuscript Tradition”

Jan-Malte Ziegenbein (Berlin), “The Coptic Miniature Codices from Late Antiquity: Reflections on the production and use of small-size manuscripts from Egypt”

#### ***Session 3 (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) Chair: Bernhard Palme, Vienna***

Jeremy Stitts (Princeton), “Guided by the Light: Aurelian and Constantine’s Reformation of Imperial Rule through Solar Monolatry”

Cosimo Paravano (Vienna), “Speeches as and about Political Rituals in Late Antique Antioch”

Óscar Perdomo Ceballos (Berlin), “Sermons, Poems, Exorcisms: Reshaping the Visigothic Cult of the Virgin Mary for the Mediterranean World (7th-10th centuries)”

#### ***Session 4 (4:20 – 6:20 pm) Chair: Stefan Esders, Berlin***

Callan Meynell (Oxford), “How (Not) to be a Roman in Ninth Century Byzantium: Thomas the Slav and Theophobos”

Chiara Battisti (Princeton), “The Literary Personas of Christophoros Mitylenaios (sic): Epigrams and History”

Sandra Wabnitz (Vienna), “ ‘The men like to play a game of dice and the women football’: The representation of women of the Eurasian Steppe in European and Chinese Written Sources (4th–9th c.)”

## **Saturday, May 20, 2023**

### **Session 5 (9:00 am – 11:00 am) Chair: Johannes Pahlitzsch, Mainz**

Eduard Visintini (Mainz), “Controlling the Unfree in the Merovingian Church (c. 6th-7th centuries)”

John Merrington (Oxford), “Penance and the Five Senses in the Early Middle Ages”

Federico Feletti (Padua/Berlin), “Legal Pluralism in Early Medieval Italy: the Evidence of Private Charters (ca. 800-1000)”

### **Session 6 (11:20 am – 12:40 pm) Chair: Claudia Rapp, Vienna**

Paul Ulishney (Oxford), “New Evidence for Conversion to Islam in Anastasius of Sinai’s *Hodegos*”

Lauren Onel (Princeton), “Female Monasticism in Cilician Armenia: Gendered Boundaries and Franciscan Influence”

### **Session 7 (2:00 pm – 3:20 pm) Chair: Walter Pohl, Vienna**

Sibel Kayan (Mainz), “Divine Helpers in Death: Spiritual Care for the Dying in Middle Byzantine Textual Sources (800-1204)”

Alice Morandy (Princeton), “Miracles: Useful Sources for Historical Analysis?”

### **Session 8 (3:40 pm – 5:30 pm) Chair: Helmut Reimitz, Teresa Shawcross, Jack Tannous**

Marco Büttner (Mainz), “*Iherusalem umbilicus est terrarium?* On the Symbolic Value of the ‘Holy City’ for the Early Crusade Movement”

Lorenz Kammerer (Mainz), “The Uses of Byzantine History in 15th Century Crusading Ideology: Leonhard Huntepichler’s *tractatus de cruce signatis et de predestinacione* and its Sources”

## **Conclusion**