

**Philipp Niewöhner**  
(Georg-August  
Universität Göttingen)  
*What's in a Name? Stephen Mitchell and the Fate of the Polis in Byzantine Phrygia*

**Nikos Tsivikis**  
(Institute for Mediterranean  
Studies FORTH, Rethymno)  
*Towards an Archaeology of Crisis: Amorium and the Anatolian Plateau between the 7th and 9th Century*

**19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY**

**9:00 SESSION 7**  
NORTH-CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANATOLIA IN THE CRISIS ERA

**Burcu Erciyas**  
(Middle East Technical  
University, Ankara) &  
**Paolo Maranzana**  
(Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)  
*North-Central Anatolia at the End of Antiquity: the Sakarya and the Yeşilırmak River Valleys Compared*

**Beate Böhlendorf-Arslan**  
(Phillips Universität Marburg)  
*What Happens in Assos after the 6th century? Life in an Early Byzantine City in the Troad*

**10:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 SESSION 8**  
CAPPADOCIA AND THE ISLAMIC FRONTIER IN THE CRISIS ERA

**Nilüfer Peker**  
(Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş  
Veli Üniversitesi)  
*The Enigma of the 7th-8th Centuries in Cappadocia in the Light of Archaeological Evidence from Mokissos*

**Asa Eger**  
(University of North  
Carolina at Greensboro)  
*Building up the Islamic Frontier from Archaeological Evidence: Cities, Towns, Villages, and Waystations*

**12:30 Alexander Sarantis**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
*Closing Remarks and Practical Announcements*



**Venue**

Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie (LEIZA)  
Ludwig-Lindenschmit-Forum 1  
55116 Mainz

**Organization**

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**BYZANTINE ANATOLIA FROM LATE ANTIQUITY TO THE MIDDLE AGES, 600-800CE**  
HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO A CRISIS ERA

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
26<sup>TH</sup>—28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025



## PROGRAMME

**Monday** 26th May

**14:00**

**Dominik Maschek**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
*Welcome to the LEIZA*

**Johannes Pahlitzsch**  
(Johannes Gutenberg  
Universität Mainz)  
*Introduction to the  
Graduiertenkolleg 2304 Byzanz  
und die euromediterranen  
Kriegskulturen. Austausch,  
Abgrenzung und Rezeption*

**Alexander Sarantis**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
*Introduction  
to the Conference*

**14:30**

**SESSION 1**  
RAIDING WARFARE IN ANATOLIA

**Alexander Sarantis**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
*Spatial and Temporal Patterns  
of Umayyad Raiding in  
Byzantine Anatolia, 641-744*

**15:15**

COFFEE BREAK



## PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY** 27th May

**15:30**

**SESSION 2**  
RAIDING WARFARE AND  
BYZANTINE MILITARY RESPONSES

**Marek Jankowiak**  
(Polish Academy of Sciences,  
Warsaw-Northeast Normal  
University, Changchun)  
*'He Invaded the Land of the  
Romans': Ibn 'Asakir on Seventh-  
Century Raids Against Anatolia*

**Theresia Raum**  
(Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Between Battlefield and Books -  
Military Knowledge in a Time of  
Crisis*

**17:00**

COFFEE BREAK

**17:30**

**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**Wolfram Brandes**  
(Goethe-Universität,  
Frankfurt a. M.)  
*The Survival of Byzantium  
in the 7th Cent. Some Aspects  
of Administrative Change*

**19:00**

**RECEPTION**



**9:00**

**SESSION 3**  
HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR CRISIS  
ON THE ANATOLIAN PERIPHERIES

**Federico Montinaro**  
(Eberhard Karls  
Universität Tübingen)  
*Revisiting the Paulician Problem*

**Stefan Albrecht**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
*The Pontos Euxeinos –  
A Sea in the Shadow of the Crisis*

**10:30**

COFFEE BREAK

**11:00**

**SESSION 4**  
THE IMPACT OF CRISIS ON  
NATURAL AND MANMADE  
LANDSCAPES

**Andreas Külzer**  
(Österreichische Akademie  
der Wissenschaften, Wien)  
*Road Network, Settlements  
and Forts in Western Anatolia,  
7th to 8th c.*

**Mustafa Doğan**  
(Süleyman Demirel University,  
Isparta) &  
**Adam Izdebski**  
(Max Planck Institute of  
Geoanthropology, Jena)  
*Recent Advances in the Study of  
Landscape Dynamics in Anatolia  
during the 1st millennium CE*

**12:30**

BUFFET LUNCH

**14:00**

**SESSION 5**  
MATERIAL EVIDENCE FOR  
THE IMPACT OF CRISIS

**Ine Jacobs**  
(University of Oxford)  
*An Inquiry into the Limits  
of Resilience at Aphrodisias,  
600–800*

**Jörg Drauschke**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
&  
**Benjamin Fourlas**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)  
*Early Byzantine Precious  
Metal Hoards – Symptoms  
of a Crisis Era?*

**15:30**

COFFEE BREAK  
and Handling Session with Relevant  
Objects from the LEIZA Sammlung  
with

**Jörg Drauschke &  
Benjamin Fourlas**  
(Leibniz-Zentrum  
für Archäologie, Mainz)

**16:30**

**SESSION 6**  
PHRYGIA IN THE CRISIS ERA

**Paolo Maranzana**  
(Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)  
*From Antiquity to the Early Middle  
Ages: Rethinking Post-Roman  
Pessinus with Legacy Data*

