

War and Society

The workshop, hosted by Prof. Dr Rustam Shukurov and Prof. Dr Johannes Pahlitzsch, is conceived as an exchange of ideas on the socio-anthropological and ideological aspects of war across different periods and geographical contexts, with the aim of identifying new dimensions of the topic and innovative approaches to its study.

Thursday, 2 July

SESSION I
From Muscovy to Eurasia

17:00

OPENING
and welcome by the organiser

17:20

Mikhail Boytsov
(Heinrich-Heine Universität
Düsseldorf)

*The Grand Dukes, Envoys
and Cannons*

18:00

Igor Torbakov
(Österreichische Akademie der
Wissenschaften)

*Eurasia's Imperial Moment:
War, Nationalism, and
Imperial Imagination*

CONFERENCE DINNER

Informationen

The conference is organized by Rustam Shukurov and the GRK 2304 "Byzantium and the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War. Exchange, Differentiation and Reception."

For more information and to register,
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Ideological
and Military
Perspectives

2nd—3rd July 2026
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Universität, Mainz



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Friday, 3 July

SESSION II Europe at War and Peace

9:00

Johannes Preiser-Kapeller
(Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)

*(No) Weather for Waging War?
Environmental Conditions,
Climatic Fluctuations, Societal
Impacts and Strategic
Considerations in the Period of
the Crusades*

9:40

Brian Catlos
(University of Colorado Boulder)

*The Art of War and the Art of the
Deal: Rhetoric and Result in the
Conquests of James I of Aragon*

10:20

Georgios Theotokis
(Ibn Haldun University Istanbul)

*Re-assessing the Betrayal of
Doukas and Trachaniotes at the
Battle of Manzikert*

11:20

COFFEE BREAK



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SESSION III Asia at War and Peace

11:20

Giorgio Rota
(Institut für Iranistik,
Österreichische Akademie
der Wissenschaften)

*Safavid Siege Warfare, 1501-
1722: A New Field of Research?*

12:00

Samvel Grigoryan
(Dumbarton Oaks Research
Center, Washington)

*K'armuts: Craftsmen Skilled in
Siege Warfare in Medieval
Armenia*

12:40

GENERAL DISCUSSION
AND CONCLUDING REMARKS