

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
LATE BYZANTINE CITIES

20-23 August 2019



Credit: Fleur-de-lis, Iconostasis, Peribleptos, Mistra, Greece (Photo: Suna Çağaptay)

Bahçeşehir University, Beşiktaş Campus

D-Conference Hall

PROGRAM

Day 1, 20 August

10:00-10:30 Registration, coffee and tea

10:30-11:00 Heath Lowry (Bahçeşehir University) Welcoming Remarks

SESSION 1 Of Houses and Towers: (Re)visiting Constantinople (Chair: Ida Toth)

11:00-11:20 Paul Magdalino (University of St. Andrews) The Houses of the Aristocracy in Palaiologan Constantinople

11:20-11:40 Dionysios Stathakopoulos (King's College, London) The Invisible City: Towers in Palaiologan Constantinople

11:40-12:00 Albrecht Berger (University of Munich) Visiting Constantinople

12:00-12:30 Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch at Faculty Club

SESSION 2 The Laskarid Realm in a Larger Perspective (Chair: Siren Çelik)

14:00-14:20 Dimiter Angelov (Harvard University) Theodore II Laskaris on Anatolian Cities

14:20-14:40 Suna Çağaptay (Bahçeşehir University) The Empire Emerges: Powerful Patrons and the Question of Cultural Overlaps in Laskarid Architecture

14:40-15:00 Ivana Jevtić (Koç University) Itinerant Artists and Interconnected Patrons: 13th-Century Artistic Production in Constantinople, Nicaea, Trebizond, Thessalonike, and Serbia

15:00-15:30 Discussion

19:30 Meeting at Bahçeşehir Beşiktaş Campus, Opening Night Dinner at Teras 212 Restaurant

END OF DAY 1

Day 2, 21 August

SESSION 3 Digging Deeper into Ottoman Sources **(Chair: Ferhan Kırıldökme Mollaoglu)**

10:00-10:20 Heath Lowry (Bahçeşehir University) İnalçık's *The Survey of Istanbul 1455*
Revisited: A Critique

10:20-10:40 Nevra Necipoğlu (Boğaziçi University) Monasteries of Late Byzantine
Constantinople: New Evidence from the Ottoman Survey of 1455

10:40-11:00 Eurydice Georganteli (Harvard University) "Great is the power of memory that
resides in places": Urban Continuity and Change along Late Byzantine Egnatia

11:00-11:30 Discussion

11:30-11:50 Coffee Break

SESSION 4 Resilient Urbanism: Literary Accounts of Cities in Byzantium and Beyond **(Chair: Dimitar Angelov)**

11:50-12:10 Siren Çelik (Harvard University) Manuel II, Demetrios Kydones and Byzantine
Cities

12:10-12:30 Wiktor Ostasz (University of Oxford) Metamorphoses of the Frontier Kastron:
Urbanisation and its Discontents in Western Anatolia after 1261

12:30-12:50 Discussion

12:50-14:00 Lunch at Faculty Club

SESSION 5 Case Studies: Magnesia, Chios, and Adrianople (Chair: Suna Çağaptay)

14:00-14:20 Hilâl Aktur (İstanbul Technical University) From Magnesia to Manisa

14:20-14:40 Ioanna Koukouni (Athens) Late Byzantine Chios: New Evidence

14:40-15:00 Nilgün Elam (Anadolu University) City Councils during the Late Byzantine Era
(13th-15th c.): The Case of Adrianople

15:00-15:30 Discussion

END OF DAY 2

Day 3, 22 August

SESSION 6 The Economic Networks in the Late Byzantine World **(Chair: Pagona Papadopoulou)**

9:30-9:50 Sergey Karpov (Moscow State University) Trebizond and Tana: Two Cities in the International Commerce of the 14th-15th Centuries

9:50-10:10 Kostis Smyrlis (New York University) A Merchant and His Clients in Mid-Fourteenth-Century Thessalonike

10:10-10:30 Brendan Osswald (French School, Athens) The Cities of Epirus (Arta and Ioannina). An Attempt at Economic History (13th-15th Centuries)

10:30-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:20 Coffee Break

SESSION 7 Citizens and Factions: Trebizond and Beyond (Chair: Sergey Karpov)

11:20-11:40 Murat Keçiş (Muğla University) Being a Citizen in Fourteenth-Century Trebizond: Economy and Inhabitants

11:40-12:00 Annika Asp (London) The Establishment of a Trapezuntine Elite Diaspora in Constantinople

12:00-12:20 Discussion

12:20-14:00 Lunch at Faculty Club

SESSION 8 Religious and Civic Identity I (Chair: Brendan Osswald)

14:00-14:20 Pagona Papadopoulou (Aristotle University of Thessalonike) Patron Saints and Civic Identity after 1204

14:20-14:40 Roman Shliakhtin (J. Gutenberg University of Mainz) Tower of Babel for New Constantinople? Transformations of Fortifications in Nicaea under the Laskarids

14:40-15:00 Discussion

15:00-15:20 Coffee Break

SESSION 9 *Religious and Civic Identity II* (Chair: Murat Keçiş)

15:20-15:40 Anastasios Tantsis (Aristotle University of Thessalonike) *Mistra's Urban Character: A Question of Shifting Perspectives*

15:40-16:00 Sofia Georgiadou (Athens) *Trebizond's Religious Architecture: The Palaiologan Contribution*

16:00-16:20 Discussion

END OF DAY 3

Day 4, 23 August

SESSION 10 *Encomia of Cities I* (Chair: Ashhan Akışık)

10:00-10:20 Alexia-Foteini Stamouli (University of Patras) *Comparison of Cities in Late Byzantine Hagiographical Texts*

10:20-10:40 Alexandra Voudouri (Athens) *Independent City Praises Functioning as Political Canvases in Late Byzantium*

10:40-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

SESSION 11 *Encomia of Cities II* (Chair: Paul Magdalino)

11:30- 11:50 Ida Toth (University of Oxford) *City Narratives and the Poetics of Spoliation in Late Medieval Culture*

11:50-12:10 Florin Leonte (Palacký University) *Rhetorical Representations of Cities in Late Byzantium: Memory Maps and Construction of Reality*

12:10- 12:30 Discussion

12:30- 14:00 Lunch at Faculty Club

SESSION 12 Paradigms of Fall: Nicaea, Constantinople, Trebizond, and Thessalonike
(Chair: Dionysios Stathakopoulos)

14:00-14:20 Matthew Kinloch (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna) What Urban Populations Do: Groups, Characters, and Action in Late Byzantine Historiography

14:20-14:40 Aslıhan Akışık (Bahçeşehir University) Narratives Concerning the Fall of the Empire of Trebizond

14:40-15:00 Ferhan Kırıldökme Mollaoğlu (Trakya University) Between the Ottomans and the Venetians: The *Epistolai* of Symeon, Archbishop of Thessalonike

15:00- 15:30 Discussion

15:30-16:00 Aslıhan Akışık and Suna Çağaptay (Bahçeşehir University) Concluding discussion and remarks

END OF DAY 4



Credit: Muqarnas block over impost capital, West porch, Hagia Sophia, Trebizond, Turkey (Photo: Aslıhan Akışık)