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Thank you for your submissions! –The editors. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Exhibitions**  **Our Sacred Beauty: Byzantine Icons from Thessaloniki**  Athens, Greece, 18.07-31.10.2019, Byzantine and Christian Museum  The exhibition: Our Sacred Beauty. Byzantine Icons from Thessaloniki was organized in the Holy Patriarchal Monastery of Vlatadon, on the occasion of the completion of the jubilee of the Patriarchal Foundation for Patristic Studies in 2018. The core of the exhibition includes icons from the sacristy of the Vlatadon Monastery, in which, some others have been added, preserved for centuries in churches of the city, as well as in the wide area, and abroad. Most of these icons are today on display in the Byzantine and Christian Museum. These icons are accompanied by icons originated from churches of Thessaloniki, belonging to the Byzantine and Christian Museums collections. All the icons are excellent samples of the magnificent art produced in the workshops of Thessaloniki and Constantinople, highlighting in a silent but dynamic way the sacred beauty that was born in the city of Thessaloniki as well as its unbroken relation with the Byzantine capital of Constantinople.  [**Further information**](https://www.byzantinemuseum.gr/en/?nid=2434)  **Archival Memories: Marcell Restle's Research in Anatolia and Beyond**  Istanbul, Turkey, 25.06-01.12.2019, ANAMED  The exhibition gives adeep insight into the research of a passionate art historian, Marcell Restle (1932–2016), who dedicated his life in great intensity to the study of Asia Minor in Late Antique and Byzantine as well as Seljuk and Ottoman times.  [**Visit the Website**](https://anamed.ku.edu.tr/en/events/archival-memories-marcell-restles-research-in-anatolia-and-beyond/)  **Woven Interiors: Furnishing Early Medieval Egypt**  Washington, DC, USA, 31.08.2019-05.01.2020, The George Washington University Museum and the Textile Museum, 701 21st Street NW  Exhibition co-organized by the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection and The George Washington University Museum and the Textile Museum  Vibrant colors and an array of textures enlivened the interior spaces of early medieval Egypt. Textiles were omnipresent in the villas, palaces, pavilions, churches, mosques, and humble abodes of Byzantine and early Islamic Egypt. Woven Interiors: Furnishing Early Medieval Egypt provides insight into the decoration of these areas, inviting the viewer to experience stunning tapestries featuring mythical beings and intriguing iconography alongside household objects and luxurious gold jewelry. Woven Interiors will feature approximately sixty remarkable examples of hangings, curtains, bedcovers, pillows, and other fabrics intended for use in a range of sacred and secular spaces. These fabrics served as cozy bed cloths, adorned bare walls, cushioned hard surfaces, and veiled sacred spaces. The exhibition presents masterpieces from the Textile Museum and the Dumbarton Oaks collections, supplemented with important loans from major American institutions. The fragility of these rare pieces—which include early carpets, fabric icons, and tapestry-woven hangings—means that many have never before been exhibited, or have remained in storage for decades. Textiles will be supported by related objects in other materials—like wood, gold, and silver—to evoke the plush surroundings of the Byzantine and early Islamic Mediterranean worlds. This exhibition is curated by Elizabeth Dospel Williams, Assistant Curator of the Byzantine Collection; Gudrun Bühl, Director of the Museum für Lackkunst, Münster; and Sumru Belger Krody, Senior Curator, The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum.  [**Visit the website**](https://www.doaks.org/visit/museum/exhibitions/woven-interiors)    **Ornament: Fragments of Byzantine Fashion**  Washington, DC, USA, 10.09.2019-05.01.2020, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  Exhibition by the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection: Excavations in the nineteenth century unearthed scores of the ornate dress textiles which wrapped the people of medieval Egypt in their graves. Ornament: Fragments of Byzantine Fashion brings together complete tunics, parts of garments, and contemporary replicas of ancient dress to evoke the fashions of this now lost world. These textiles often preserved traces of their wearers in the forms of folds and stains, providing researchers with important information about the people buried in these garments. But alongside these bodily vestiges, the decoration of these textiles reveals much about the sophistication and aesthetics of the period in which they were crafted. Often cut into pieces by dealers at the time they were sold on the art market, these fragments survive in an incomplete state that has complicated our understanding of Byzantine dress practices. The textiles on view in this exhibition represent a small part of the holdings in the Byzantine collection, which will feature in a free digital catalogue available on the Dumbarton Oaks website. With their spectacular range of colors, patterns, and ornamental motifs, the textiles display the remarkable skill of ancient craftsman and a compellingly modern aesthetic. This exhibition is curated by Elizabeth Dospel Williams, Assistant Curator of the Byzantine Collection and Gudrun Bühl, Director of the Museum für Lackkunst, Münster, with assistance from Samuel Shapiro, Postgraduate Curatorial Fellow, Museum Department.  [**Visit the website**](https://www.doaks.org/visit/museum/exhibitions/ornament) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Events**  **(Congresses, Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Schools, etc.)**    **Armenia**  **Persian, Armenian and Russian Winter Schools**  Yerevan, 01.-21.12.2019, Aspiratum School of Languages and Cultures Deadline for Applications: 15.10.2019  For further information on the Persian School, please click[**here**](http://2l5e5.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/NmtMvbTCyv5LedRoXSXWUJ_zPQOGfSq7TuuTq7NLOYoClQKm6c2j8eXnNitAV8aY3uAHLJJokGJU4JYhX88iZSGBHPvhJcCeT5S265fo2SPhpgXm7Tr1yqsXvIQdD8GqJ8no_8rlKloz0x0wB-vEj8RSd2fjYMKn01T-JPJSBGGNN2XxcsT1igBpJayepRtVZU2VyTJ8jro3gjXXvs-qYOUrun-2U08iwyOgWhPbmtD9QSpxKHp33YC_qcURQM-I-kUy). For further information on the Armenian School, please click **[here](https://aspirantum.com/courses/armenian-language-winter-school-01-dec-21-dec-2019-yerevan-armenia" \t "_blank)**. For further information on the Russian School, please click [**here**](https://aspirantum.com/courses/russian-language-winter-school-01-dec-21-dec-2019-yerevan-armenia).  **Austria**  **Tag des Denkmals am 29.09.2019**  2019 steht der Tag des Denkmals am 29. September unter dem Motto „Kaiser, Könige und Philosophen“. Österreichweit können rund 270 Eventorte größtenteils bei freiem Eintritt und unter fachkundiger Führung besucht und erlebt werden.  [**Visit the website**](https://tagdesdenkmals.at/)  **New series of conventions on Byzantine, ancient and medieval law at the Austrian Academy of Sciences**  Vienna, 13.11.2019, 29.01.2020, 13.05.2020, ÖAW  New series of conventions on Byzantine, ancient and medieval law at the Austrian Academy of Sciences entitled "Rechtspluralität in Antike und Mittelalter":  \* 13. November 2019, 16.00-18.00 Uhr, ÖAW, Hollandstrasse 11-13, 1020 Wien: Rechtsliteratur und Rechtspraxis auf Papyrus und Stein  \* 29. Jänner 2020, 16.00-18.00 Uhr, ÖAW, Hollandstrasse 11-13, 1020 Wien: Recht und Religion in mittelalterlichen Handschriften  \* 13. Mai 2020, 16.00-18.00 Uhr, ÖAW, Hollandstrasse 11-13, 1020 Wien: Recht und Ethnizität in mittelalterlichen Handschriften  [**Further information**](https://www.oeaw.ac.at/fileadmin/NEWS/2019/Newsletter/05/IMAFO-Byzanzforschung-Programmfolder-Normsetzung-Komm-a-Stein-u-Papyrus_V12-04-2019-1.pdf)  Further information: [**office.Byzanz@oeaw.ac.at**](mailto:office.Byzanz@oeaw.ac.at)  Organisation:  Prof. Dr. Bernhard Palme, w.M. | Universität Wien, Institut für Alte Geschichte, Papyrologie und Epigraphik; Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Papyrussammlung Prof. Dr. Claudia Rapp, w.M. | Universität Wien, Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik; ÖAW, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Abteilung Byzanzforschung Prof. Dr. Philipp Scheibelreiter | Universität Wien, Institut für Römisches Recht und Antike Rechtsgeschichte Prof. Dr. Eva Synek | Universität Wien, Institut für Rechtsphilosophie    **France**  **Additional information about scholarly events in France in the field of Byzantine Studies can be found under this link:**[**http://www.cfeb.org/events/**](http://www.cfeb.org/events/)  **Germany**  **Workshop: Divination and Decision-Making by Lot and Randomization in East Asia and Europe**  Erlangen, 24-25.09.2019  The casting of lots to explore the unknown and to make decisions ranks among the oldest cultural techniques in different civilizations. Evidence for this can be found not only in Biblical narratives such as the partitioning of the Promised Land between the twelve tribes of Israel or the election of the apostle Matthias, but also by Chinese canonical sources such as the Yijing 易經 or from artefacts of temple oracles in China.  This workshop brings together scholars from different disciplines to discuss current research on the many different forms of casting lots and to make an intercultural comparison between Europe and East Asia. It will focus on specific techniques of questioning lots and related mechanisms of randomization such as geomancy or bibliomancy as well as their social context and their use for divination, decision-making, and reducing contingency. In addition, the workshop will address the blurred boundaries between prediction and gambling as well as attempts of manipulating and calculating probabilitie.  See program [**here**](https://www.ikgf.uni-erlangen.de/content/flyer/lot-and-randomization-folder.pdf)  **Autumn School: "Orient and Occident are not to be divided". Approaches towards Art and Aesthetics in Islamic, Early Christian, Byzantine and Early Medieval artistic traditions"**  Mainz, 1-10 October, 2019  The program combines seminars and excursions in order to provide a broad background knowledge and ground for future studies. It intends to bring together students from different disciplines, from different backgrounds, from Iran and Germany – united in the same interest in aesthetic questions and artistic production during the 1st mill. AD. Seminars will be held in English. Admission fee is 40 € per student. A joint excursion to Iran is planned for Spring 2020.  For further details and to apply, please contact: Frankfurt: Dr. Fateme Rahmati (rahmati@em.uni-frankfurt.de) Mainz: PD Dr. Sergei Mariev (smariev@uni-mainz.de)  [**Further information**](http://aiebnet.gr/index.php?gf-download=2019%2F09%2FPlakat_final.pdf&form-id=2&field-id=8&hash=b5c924c19b23397cef806691ee6dc0344b85a63de971fb6ace31ec26f1f84c4f)      **Symposion: "Zwischen Ost und West - Christen byzantinischer Tradition in Ungarn"**  Würzburg, 24-25 October, 2019  Das hierzulande wenig wahrgenommene byzantinische Christentum Ungarns ist im europäischen Kontext historisch bedeutsam. An einer kulturellen „Schnittstelle“ angesiedelt bietet es zahlreiche Verbindungslinien zur westlichen und östlichen Christenheit. Seit 2018 befaßt sich eine an der Ungarischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Lendület-Projekt) eingerichtete Forschungsgruppe mit der östlichen Kirchengeschichte Ungarns. Die am 24. und 25. Oktober 2019 in der Domschule stattfindende Tagung wird vom Ostkirchlichen Institut an der Universität Würzburg und von der Fachvertretung für Ostkirchengeschichte und Ökumenische Theologie der Katholisch-Theologischen Fakultät der Universität Würzburg mit der genannten Forschungsgruppe organisiert.  [**Further information**](https://www.theologie.uni-wuerzburg.de/aktuelles/meldungen/single/news/zwischen-ost-und-west-christen-byzantinischer-tradition-in-ungarn/)      **Italy**  **Convegno Internazionale di Studi: Spazio sacro e iconografia: limiti, sfide, responsabilità.**  Otranto, 3-5 Ottobre, 2019  Il tema volutamente ampio abbraccia in un unico sguardo arte e architettura in una sorta di panoramica introduttiva tra Oriente e Occidente, e si propone di porre a confronto due distinte interpretazioni dello spazio per il culto cristiano: da un lato le chiese diffusamente ricoperte da immagini che all'interno o all'esterno riflettono lo spirito e lo splendore della liturgia; dall'altro gli spazi celebrativi che soprattutto di recente evocano la trascendenza in modo indiretto, affidandosi al solo talento degli architetti e contenendo il contributo artistico sino al punto di rinunciarvi.  [**Further information**](https://pantaleone.org/indice-programma)  **Il Mezzogiorno d’Italia tra due imperi**  4-6 ottobre 2019, Centro Europeo di Studi Normanni di Ariano Irpino  Museo della Civiltà normanna, Castello Normanno Biogem - Biologia e genetica molecolare, Via Camporeale  [**See the program**](http://aiebnet.gr/index.php?gf-download=2019%2F09%2Fbrochure-ottobre.pdf&form-id=2&field-id=8&hash=d282dbc709f12623dc95fb5e1817c9975abda2452863f7a53e408d62d5fded3c)    **International Conference: "The Christian East in the Latin West. Assemani's 'Bibliotheca Orientalis' (1719-2019), 300th Anniversary"**  Vatican City, 7-8.11.2019; Beirut-Kaslik, 28-30.11.2019  Vatican Apostolic Library (BAV) - Pontifical Oriental Institute (PIO)  Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) - Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)  Italian Society of Syriac Studies (Syriaca)  Vatican City - Rome  7-8 November 2019    Plenary Lecturers  Paolo BETTIOLO (Università degli Studi di Padova); Herman TEULE (KU Leuven)    Speakers  Bruno CALLEGHER (Università di Trieste); Manuel CAPOMACCIO (Università di Napoli "L'Orientale"); Giacomo CARDINALI (BAV); Annunziata DI RIENZO (Università di Roma La Sapienza); Andreas ELLWARDT (Katholische Universitaet Eichstaett-Ingolstadt); Margherita FARINA (CNRS - Histoire des theories linguistiques); Elie KALLAS (Università degli Studi di Trieste); Hubert KAUFHOLD (L. Maximilians Universitaet Muenchen); Alessandro MENGOZZI (Università di Torino); Juan Pedro MONFERRER SALA (Universidad de Cordoba); Cesare SANTUS (FNRS - Université Catholique de Louvain); Martin TAMCKE (Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen); Robert J. WILKINSON (Wesley College Bristol); Ugo ZANETTI (Monastère de Chevetogne)    Beirut - Kaslik  28-30 November 2019    Plenary Lecturers  R.P. Abbé Elie KHALIFE'-HACHEM (USEK); Herman TEULE (KU Leuven)    Speakers  Abdo BADWI (USEK); Marco BAIS (PIO); Najem CHAHWAN (USEK); Salim DACCACHE (USJ); Mariam DE GHANTUZ CUBBE (Angelicum University, Rome); Mgr. Maroun-Nasser GEMAYEL (Maronite Bishop in France); Habib IBRAHIM (USJ); Mireille ISSA (USEK); Srecko KORALIJA (University of Cambridge); Philippe LUISIER (PIO);  Juan Pedro MONFERRER SALA (Universidad de Cordoba); Ray JABRE MOUAWAD (USJ); Sr. MOUBARAKAH (Independent Researcher); Joseph MOUKARZEL (USEK)  Lucy PARKER (University of Oxford); Marie RAGHEB (EPHE, Sorbonne); Sabine MOHASSEB SALIBA (CeSor-EHESS); Souad SLIM (University of Balamand); Mgr. Youssef SOUEIF (Maronite Archbishop of Cyprus); Youssef TANNOUS (USEK); Emidio VERGANI (PIO); Youhanna Nessim YOUSSEF (University of Divinity, Australia); Rafal ZARZECZNY (PIO); Paul ZGHEIB (USEK)    SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:  Zeljko PASA (PIO) - coordinator; Abdo BADWI (USEK); Riccardo CONTINI (Syriaca); Emiliano FIORI (Syriaca); Ronney el GEMAYEL (USJ); Joseph OBEID (USEK); Ambrogio M. PIAZZONI (BAV); Youssef TANNOUS (USEK); Emidio VERGANI (PIO).    INFO:  Rome Conference: [**assemani@pontificio-orientale.it**](mailto:assemani@pontificio-orientale.it)  Lebanon Conference: [**assemani.congres@usek.edu.lb**](mailto:assemani.congres@usek.edu.lb)  [**assemani.congres@usj.edu.lb**](mailto:assemani.congres@usj.edu.lb)  **Incontri Mediterranei: Arte e artista tras Bisanzio e l'Occident**  Rome, 26.-27.09.2019, Sapienza Università di Roma  Os anunciamos este evento que tendrá lugar en la Sapienza y en la Real Academia de España en Roma, coorganizado por la UAB (por la que participan en la organización Manuel Castiñeiras y Verónica C. Abenza), y las propias Università Sapienza y Real Academia de España en Roma, y de la que la SEB es patrocinador junto con el Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya. Participa como ponente el también socio de la SEB Carles Sánchez Márquez.  Os dejamos el programa para descargar en pdf en este <[**enlace**](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8aobpth4ewFanNacnJxZzVjSGN2bmtLUmJOV2k5U3pMNGI0)>, así como en [**Google Calendars**](https://calendar.google.com/event?action=TEMPLATE&tmeid=N3BpM2FmczZpamNlb2JtdWNrZW8ydDY0MGsgZXN0dWRpb3NiaXphbnRpbm9zQG0&tmsrc=estudiosbizantinos%40gmail.com) y [**eventos de Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/events/2169788333137820/).  **Convegno "Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei e filologia greco-latina: il contributo del Comitato Classici"**  Rome, 24-25.10.2019, Palazzo Corsini - via della Lungara, 10  [**Further information**](https://www.lincei.it/it/manifestazioni/accademia-nazionale-dei-lincei-e-filologia-greco-latina-convegno)    **Russia**  **The 22nd All-Russia Scienfitic Session of Byzantinists: "Byzantine 'Commonwealth': Traditions and Paradigm Shift"**  Ekaterinburg, 23-28th of September.  XXII Всероссийская научная сессия византинистов РФ: «Византийское “содружество”: традиции и смена парадигм»    [**See the program**](http://aiebnet.gr/index.php?gf-download=2019%2F09%2F2019.08.PROGRAM_BYZ_SESSION_2019_FINAL.pdf&form-id=2&field-id=8&hash=ed39ba6468aaaeb2cf258bc5c52c632bcf08712ece8b729c07817b04cf12e598)  **Slovenia**  **Hieronymus noster: International Symposium on the 1600th Anniversary of Jerome’s Death**  Ljubljana (Slovenia), October 23rd–26th, 2019  The International Symposium on the 1600th Anniversary of Jerome’s Death, Hieronymus noster, will take place in Ljubljana, on October 24th–26th, 2019, at the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. It is being organised by the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts; the Universities of Ljubljana, Zagreb, Graz, and Warsaw; Central European University (CEU); International Network of Excellence “Europa Renascens”; DANUBIUS Project (Université de Lille); and the Institut des Sources chrétiennes.  [**See the program**](http://aiebnet.gr/index.php?gf-download=2019%2F09%2FHieronymus-noster-Programme.pdf&form-id=2&field-id=8&hash=840104828bb3efbc3fd90e6809514ae5144875907b7114465b926a3492558f41)  **Spain**  **Additional information about scholarly events in Spain in the field of Byzantine Studies can be found under this link:**[**https://bizantinistica.blogspot.com/2019**](https://bizantinistica.blogspot.com/2019)/  **Turkey**  **BYZANTIUM AT ANKARA- Byzantine Seminar Series Fall 2019/20**  The Byzantine Seminar Series “Byzantium at Ankara” is an event organized and hosted in collaboration by Bilkent and Hacettepe University which will be held over the entire 2019/2020 Academic Year.  The object of the series of talks is to implement the interest and knowledge of the history and culture of the Byzantine Empire by bringing together local and visiting scholars in order to cover different aspects of the history, archaeology, and art history of the Byzantine Empire. Further it aims to sensitize and stimulate young scholars, graduate students and academicians to help generating awareness about innovative interdisciplinary approaches to Byzantine studies.  Schedule: 17 October 2019 - Ivana Jevtic (Koç University) Artists in Late Byzantine Period: the Workshop of Michael Astrapas and Eutychios  7 November 2019 - Meryem Eser (Cumhuriyet University) Figurative and Symbolic Decorations in Middle and Late Byzantine Metalworks  28 November 2019 - Deniz Burcu Erciyas (METU) Settlement History at Komana from the Late Antique through the Ottoman Period  6 December 2019 - Workshop The Byzantine Countryside: Insular and Coastal Perspectives  12 December 2019 - Koray Durak (Bogaziçi University)  19 December 2019 - Güner Varinoğlu (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University)  [**Visit the website**](http://byzantiumatankara.com/index.html)  **UK**  **Conference: Women and Violence in the Late Medieval Mediterranean, ca. 1100-1500**  27th-28th September, Maison Française d'Oxford  The last decades have witnessed an increased interest in research on the relationship between women and violence in the Middle Ages, with new works both on female criminality and on women as victims of violence. The contributions of gender theory and feminist criminology have renewed the approached used in this type of research. Nevertheless, many facets of the complex relationship between women and violence in medieval times still await to be explored in depth. This conference aims to understand how far the roots of modern assumptions concerning women and violence may be found in the late medieval Mediterranean, a context of intense cultural elaboration and exchange which many scholars have indicated as the cradle of modern judicial culture. While dialogue across the Mediterranean was constant in the late Middle Ages, occasions for comparative discussion remain rare for modern-day scholars, to the detriment of a deeper understanding of the complexity of many issues. Thus, we encourage specialists of different areas across the Mediterranean (Western Europe, Byzantium, and the Islamic world) to contribute to the discussion. What were the main differences and similarities? How did these change through time? What were the causes for change? Were coexisting assumptions linking femininity and violence conflicting or collaborating?  [**See the program**](http://aiebnet.gr/index.php?gf-download=2019%2F09%2FFINAL-Conference-Programme.pdf&form-id=2&field-id=8&hash=118526b9e642f330b240673462b61589407da365386636bfe7524a1319629576)  [**Further information**](https://torch.ox.ac.uk/article/women-and-violence-in-the-late-medieval-mediterranean-ca.-1100-1500)    **Conference: The Art of the Lost. Discussing the Future of the Past**  Canterbury, 27.-29.11.2019, Canterbury Cathedral  Art plays a significant part of the experience of the Cathedral space, from music to glass, to graffiti, wall art, textiles, books and paintings. This conference will explore and appraise current and developing studies of how art changes, is reused or repurposed, disappears or is rediscovered.  Over three days curators, conservators, scientists, historians, archaeologists, and artists from the UK, Europe and the USA will look at how, and why art is defaced, destroyed or is lost within architectural settings.With a particular focus on art within the context of cathedrals and other places of worship, the conference considers changing ideologies, iconoclasm, war, fashion and symbolism. It will discuss art from the 6th century to the modern day.  Delegates will also be treated to exclusive access to the Cathedral’s collections, behind the scene tours of conservation in action, of the wall paintings and graffiti, all within the beautiful setting of Canterbury Cathedral.  [**Further information**](https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/art-of-the-lost-conference-at-canterbury-cathedral/)    **USA**  **12th Annual Schoenberg Symposium on Manuscript Studies in the Digital Age**  Philadelphia, November 21-23, 2019  In partnership with the Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies (SIMS) at the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Lawrence J. Schoenberg Symposium on Manuscript Studies in the Digital Age.    The concept of linked open data is the holy grail of the digital humanities. Yet the problem of how to link information across platforms has existed since civilization began. As knowledge and learning expanded in premodern society, the problems associated with collecting, combining, and disseminating information inspired new approaches to and technologies for the material text. In the internet age, we continue to grapple with the same problems and issues. While technologies have changed, the questions remain the same.    This year's symposium explores the connections between historic and current approaches to data linkage in regard to manuscripts and manuscript research. Hooking Up addresses the topic from a variety of angles and considers how the manuscript book operates as a vehicle for information retrieval and dissemination from the technology of the page and the textual apparatus of a book, to the library, and finally, the internet. We will also consider such questions as how medieval practices of memory shaped information retrieval and gathering, how did the technology of the manuscripts book - in all its many forms - facilitate or hinder information processing, how can medieval solutions inform modern technologies, and how do modern technologies illuminate medieval practices? The program will also feature sessions highlighting projects that are advancing linked data technologies for manuscript researchers, including the T-AP Digging Into Data Challenge project Mapping Manuscript Migrations.    The program will begin Thursday evening, November 21, 5:00 pm, at the Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Parkway Central Library, with a keynote address by Professor Mary Carruthers, New York University, and All Souls College, Oxford University. The symposium will continue November 22nd-23rd at the Kislak Center of Special Collections, Rare Books, and Manuscripts at the University of Pennsylvania.    Registration fee is 35 dollars (10 dollars for students with valid student ID). Online registration closes Thursday, November 21, at noon. Walk-in registrations will be accepted for a fee of 45 dollars (15 dollars for students with valid student ID) to be paid in cash.  Please register [**here**](https://www.alumni.upenn.edu/s/1587/gid2/16/interior.aspx?sid=1587&pgid=26503&gid=2&cid=57001&ecid=57001&post_id=0).  **The 45th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference**  Madison, WI, 17.-20.10.2019  The 45th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, from Thursday evening, October 17th through Sunday, afternoon, October 20, 2019.  Registration: Registration for the conference will include coffee breaks, admission to all sessions, and three evening receptions.  Early Bird Registration: $155 (Available through September 17, 2019) Regular Registration: $175  [**Visit the Website**](https://uwmadison.eventsair.com/byzantine-studies-conference/#welcome)    **Conference: St. Ephrem the Syrian in Byzantium**  Milwaukee, WI, 09.11.2019, Marquette University  The symposium on ‘St. Ephrem the Syrian in Byzantium,’ on the writings collectively attributed to Ephrem Graecus, will take place at Marquette University (Eisenberg Reading Room, Sensenbrenner Hall) on November 9, 2019 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Speakers include Fr. Maximos Constas (Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology), Fr. Kevin Kalish (Bridgewater State University), Dr. Marcus Plested (Marquette University), Dr. Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent (Marquette University), and Dr. Alexis Torrance (University of Notre Dame). Proceedings are open to the public.  For questions, email [**tikhon.pino@marquette.edu**](mailto:tikhon.pino@marquette.edu).    **Annual Colloquium, “The Insular Worlds of Byzantium”**  Washington, D.C., 15.11.2019, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  Byzantine islands have been largely considered marginal to the dramatic political, social, and economic changes the Byzantine heartland experienced in the seventh century and at the onset of Arab expansion in the eastern Mediterranean. Major islands, such as Sicily, Sardinia, Malta, and the Balearics, were lost forever. Others, like Crete and Cyprus, remained in flux until they were briefly reclaimed by Byzantium in tenth century before coming under Latin control during the Crusades. Contrary to the perspectives offered by written sources (Byzantine, Arab, and Western), which for the most part dismiss them as marginal spaces, places of exile, or military outposts along maritime frontiers, islands constitute the best examples of the transformative adaptability of Byzantine society during periods of volatility and transition. Instead of decline and abandonment, archaeological work and results point to the existence of active communities, local and regional economic exchanges, and cultural continuities and interconnections during the period between the seventh century and the fall of Constantinople to the Crusaders in 1204.    Speakers will address the topic of Byzantine islands through case studies viewed in their broader Mediterranean and comparative contexts. The exploration of islands as hubs where Byzantine, Islamic, and Western European cultures encountered and influenced the local political, economic, and social structures will permit new insights into the networks of island societies and their legacies. Not only were islands located along commercial shipping routes, but, as spaces of adaptive economic activities and social strategies that were molded by military and political realities, they presented unique opportunities for cultural interconnections. In this context, the “Insular Worlds of Byzantium” will provide new and revised perspectives on the Byzantine Mediterranean and beyond.    Speakers  • Nikolas Bakirtzis, The Cyprus Institute  • William Caraher, University of North Dakota  • Salvatore Cosentino, Università di Bologna  • Sarah Davis-Secord, University of New Mexico  • Michael Decker, University of South Florida  • Jonathan Shea, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  • Joanita Vroom, Universiteit Leiden  • Luca Zavagno, Bilkent Üniversitesi    Please check the Dumbarton Oaks [**website**](https://www.doaks.org/research/byzantine/scholarly-activities/the-insular-worlds-of-byzantium) for a link to register. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Opportunities**    **Wolfgang Fritz Volbach-fellowship**  Mainz/Frankfurt Application Deadline: 15.10.2019  The aim of the Wolfgang Fritz Volbach-fellowship is to link the research location Mainz/Frankfurt more closely with international experts in the field of Byzantine Studies. It allows scholars working on a subject related to the Leibniz ScienceCampus - Byzantium between Orient and Occident - Mainz/Frankfurt a four-week research stay in Mainz or in Frankfurt. They will be able to use libraries and scholarly infrastructures there and can participate in the lively interdisciplinary professional debates at both universities. Each year, the Executive Board awards one fellowship per semester (winter and summer) to scholars at an early career stage.  **Conditions**   * Grant of Euro 2500 for a four weeks' stay in Mainz or Frankfurt * Free accommodation in the Guest House of the RGZM can be guaranteed during the following periods:           - Summer term 2020: May 4th - June 28th           - Winter term 2020/21: October 19th - December 13th Free accommodation in the guest house of the Goethe University can be arranged. * Fellows are invited to present their current research with a paper in the lecture series [**Byzanz in Mainz & Frankfurt**](http://www.byzanz-mainz.de/en/activities/lecture-series/).   **Candidature**   * Applicants are at an early stage of their careers (up to six years after graduation or equivalent, e.g. PhD) and are affiliated to an institution abroad (university, research institution, museum, etc.) * Applicants work on a research project on the topic of the *Leibniz ScienceCampus - Byzantium between Orient and Occident - Mainz/Frankfurt* in the period from late antiquity to modern times with concrete links to current projects. * The application for 2020 must be submitted electronically by **October 15th 2019**. Please send applications via mail to managing director of the Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus Mainz/Frankfurt Dr. Benjamin Fourlas (**fourlas(at)rgzm.de**) including application form and copies of academic certificates.   [**Visit the website**](https://www.byzanz-mainz.de/en/fellowship/)    **Post-Doctoral Research Grant as part of the research project "Documenting Multiculturalism (DocuMult)"**  Application deadline: 9 October 2019  The Universita' degli Studi di Palermo, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza has published the advertisement for a Post-Doctoral Research Grant as part of the research project "Documenting Multiculturalism: co-existence, law and multiculturalism in administrative and legal documents of Norman and Hohenstaufen Sicily, c.1060-c.1266 (DocuMult)", funded by an ERC Advanced Grant to Professor Jeremy Johns of the University of Oxford, in partnership with the Universita' degli Studi di Palermo (see http://www.unipa.it/albo.html. Pubblicazione n°1702 del 9/09/2019). For further information about the DocuMult project, see here: http://krc.orient.ox.ac.uk/documult/index.php/en/ The successful candidate will work under the direction of Prof.ssa Cristina Rognoni, Professore Associato di Civilta' Bizantina at the Universita' degli Studi di Palermo, who is the Senior Researcher responsible for the study of the Greek documents for the DocuMult Project, and under the overall supervision of the Principal Investigator, Prof. Jeremy Johns. The normal place of work will be the Università degli Studi di Palermo; the successful candidate will be expected to make annual research trips to Oxford.  The successful candidate will be employed for two years in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal for a total of up to four years until 30th September 2023. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate: - expertise in the field of medieval Greek diplomatics and palaeography, working with original documents (not just editions or transcriptions); - publication, appropriate to the applicant's stage of career, of original historical research making use of medieval Greek documents; - excellent communication, interpersonal, and organisational skills, including a fluent command of spoken and written Italian, and the ability to work successfully as part of a team. - good command of Modern Greek, Latin and of spoken and written English, with at least passive knowledge of French and German; some knowledge of Arabic, while not - essential, might be an advantage; - experience and competence in the use of relational databases for research; - a good knowledge of the history of the island of Sicily under Norman and Hohenstaufen rule, or the willingness to acquire it.  [**Further information**](http://bandi.miur.it/bandi.php/public/fellowship/id_fellow/161871)  **Assistant Professor of Early-Modern Ottoman History**  Los Angeles, CA, USA, University of California Deadline for application: 01.10.2019   Open May 10th, 2019 through Tuesday, Oct 1, 2019 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time) If you apply to this recruitment by October 1st, 2019, you will have until October 15th, 2019 to complete your application.  The UCLA Department of History invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in 16th through mid-19th century Ottoman history. The department welcomes applications considering any theme or methodological approach. Appointment will begin on July 1, 2020. All candidates should have completed their PhD in history no later than June 30, 2020.  The deadline for receiving applications and required documents is October 15, 2019. Applications will be reviewed immediately thereafter. The department welcomes candidates whose experience in teaching, research or community service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply online at [**https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF04522**](https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF04522) to upload their information for this position. This position is subject to final administrative approval.  Documents should include a letter of application; curriculum vitae; writing sample; sample syllabi; and three letters of recommendation. A statement addressing the applicant's past and/or potential contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion is also required. Please visit the UCLA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion website for Sample Guidance for Candidates on the Statement of Contributions to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: [**https://equity.ucla.edu/programs-resources/faculty-search-process/faculty-search-committee-resources/sample-guidance/**](https://equity.ucla.edu/programs-resources/faculty-search-process/faculty-search-committee-resources/sample-guidance/).  The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: UC Nondiscrimination & Affirmative Action Policy.   Document requirements  - Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V. - Cover Letter - Writing sample - Statement of Teaching (Optional) - Statement on Contributions to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion - An EDI Statement describes a faculty candidate's past, present, and future (planned) contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion. To learn more about how UCLA thinks about contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion, please review our Sample Guidance for Candidates and related EDI Statement FAQ document. - sample syllabi  Reference requirements - 3-5 letters of reference required  HOW TO APPLY on [**https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF04522**](https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF04522) - Create an ApplicantID - Provide required information and documents - If any, provide required reference information    **Tsiter-Kontopoulou Short-Term Research Stipends**  Vienna, Austria, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna Deadline for Application: 31.10.2019  The Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of the University of Vienna, thanks to the generosity of the Tsiter-Kontopoulou Fund, invites applications for a Short-Term Research Stipend to enable pre- and post-doctoral scholars to pursue research on Byzantine and early modern Greek culture, with particular emphasis on cultural and intellectual history in the widest sense, including the history of Orthodox Christianity.   For more information about the Department, its Library, and the Tsiter-Kontopoulou Trust see: [**https://www.byzneo.univie.ac.at**](https://www.byzneo.univie.ac.at/) [**https://bibliothek.univie.ac.at/fb-byzantinistik/**](https://bibliothek.univie.ac.at/fb-byzantinistik/) [**https://tsiter-kontopoulou-schenkung.univie.ac.at**](https://tsiter-kontopoulou-schenkung.univie.ac.at/)   Terms: The duration of the research stay is usually two weeks. During this time, the recipients of the stipend are expected to give an informal lunch-time presentation of their current research.   Eligibility: This stipend is intended to support young and early career scholars, i.e. from the final year of doctoral study to no more than eight years after the completion of the Ph.D.   Amount: The stipend offers the reimbursement of travel expenses plus a daily allowance, for a maximum of 2.500 Euros total (to be reimbursed after the completion of the stay). You are expected to make your own arrangements.   Appointment period: Any two weeks between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020, except 1 July to 15 September.   Application: Please send a description of the proposed research including a statement as to why you wish to conduct this research in Vienna, a provisional budget and an indication of preferred dates (max. 300 words), curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages), and list of publications, to Mrs. Petra Greger at the address below. Doctoral students should also include a short letter of endorsement (max. 1 page) from their adviser. Submissions will be accepted by e-mail only.   Deadline: 31 October 2019. The decision of the selection committee will be communicated no later than December 15.  Further Inquiries: Mrs. Petra Greger: petra.greger@univie.ac.at    **Fellowship Opportunities at Dumbarton Oaks**  Washington, DC, USA, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection Application Deadline: 01.11.2019  Fellowships are awarded to Byzantine, Garden and Landscape, and Pre-Columbian scholars on the basis of demonstrated scholarly ability and preparation of the candidate, including knowledge of requisite languages, interest and value of the study or project, and the project’s relevance to the resources of Dumbarton Oaks.  [**Visit the website**](https://www.doaks.org/research/support-for-research/fellowships/terms)      **One-Month Research Awards**  Washington, DC, USA, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection Application Deadline: 01.10.2019  What: One-Month Research Awards of $3,000 for scholars When: Applications due October 1, 2019 for January 15 – June 30 award period  Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection offers One-Month Research Awards of $3,000 to scholars holding the PhD or other relevant terminal degree (e.g., MLA for Garden and Landscape studies applicants) and working on research projects in Byzantine studies, Pre-Columbian studies, Garden and Landscape studies, or related fields. The awards were established to make the intellectual community as well as the library, rare book, garden, and museum resources of Dumbarton Oaks more widely available to a broader range of scholars for shorter terms and with some flexibility in starting dates. Awards are intended especially for those who might not be able to avail themselves of a longer-term fellowship at Dumbarton Oaks, or scholars in related disciplines who seek greater exposure to our fields of study.  [**Visit the Website**](https://www.doaks.org/research/support-for-research/one-month-research-awards)    **Short-Term Predoctoral Residencies**  Washington, DC, USA, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  What: Awards for advanced graduate students When: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis  Dumbarton Oaks offers a limited number of Short-Term Predoctoral Residencies for advanced graduate students who are preparing for their PhD general exams, writing their doctoral dissertations, or expecting relevant final degrees in the field of Byzantine, Pre-Columbian, or Garden and Landscape studies. Students who plan to conduct research in the fieldwork and photo collections, the rare book collection, or the museum collections are particularly encouraged to apply. Each residency provides two to four weeks of single accommodations and lunches on weekdays (with the exception of scheduled Refectory closures). In addition, a Reader badge for access to the Library will be issued for the period of the residency. Applicants who live 75 or more miles from Washington, D.C., will receive preference.  [**Visit the Website**](https://www.doaks.org/research/support-for-research/short-term-predoctoral-residencies) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Calls for Papers**  **Workshop: Acts of Excommunication in the Late Antique and Early Islamic Middle East**  12th-13th March, 2020, Leiden University, The Netherlands. Deadline for submission: 01.10.2019  As part of the ERC-funded project, “Embedding Conquest, Naturalising Muslim Rule (600-1000)”, at Leiden University, this conference aims to bring together both senior and junior scholars to present research which illuminates the dynamics implicit in the act of excommunication and associated practices: ostracism, anathema, and other forms of religio-social exclusion, among the major religious communities of the Islamicate world, 600-1200 CE: including various Christian and Jewish denominations, Sunni, Shiʿi, ‘Khārijī’ and other groups within Islam; Zoroastrians and other relevant groups.  [**Visit the website**](https://emco.hcommons.org/events/event/cfp-acts-of-excommunication-in-the-late-antique-and-early-islamicate-middle-east-march-12-13-2020-leiden-university/)  **International Conference: "Meaning between the Lines: Allegory and Hermeneutics in Greek Imperial and Late Antique Literature"**  Dublin, Trinity College, 6th-7th February 2020 Submission deadline: 21.10.2019  Keynote speaker: Prof. Peter Struck    In the first centuries of the common era, allegorical readings of Greek literature became increasingly commonplace. Canonical works such as the Homeric and Hesiodic poems or the Platonic dialogues were increasingly subjected to interpretations that uncovered hidden meanings and deeper truths under the surface of the text, such as those of Porphyry and Heraclitus. These methods of reading, under the influence of the rhetorical curriculum and developments in philosophy and mysticism, inspired contemporary writers and poets to imbue their own works with (quasi-) allegorical elements. Allegory could be used, for instance, as a tool to convey knowledge that could not be adequately expressed in language, to covertly express political criticisms, or as a means of meta-literary reflection. At the same time, Greek theories and practices of allegoresis influenced the development of Jewish and early Christian Biblical hermeneutics, as exemplified by, for example, Philo of Alexandra and Origen.  Our workshop aims to encompass a wide range of literary texts which practice and/or reflect on allegorical interpretation and Biblical hermeneutics, and through them gain insight into imperial and late antique approaches to literary interpretation and composition. We welcome proposals engaging with, but not limited to, the following topics:    - Imperial and late antique allegorical reception of earlier Greek literature  - The influence of allegoresis on the production and interpretation of imperial and late antique Greek poetry (e.g. Hero and Leander, Orphic Argonautica) or novels (e.g. Daphnis and Chloe, Aethiopica)  - Stoic and (Neo)Platonic allegorical practices  - Interplay between rhetorical theories of allegory and literary practice  - Interplay between "pagan" allegoresis and Biblical hermeneutics  - Allegory as a means of reflection or criticism of contemporary politics  - Allegory and metapoetics in imperial and late antique Greek literature  - Parodies of allegoresis    We invite abstracts of no more than 300 words for 30 minute papers, followed by 10 minutes of discussion, to be submitted by October 21st 2019 to the organizing committee ([**tcdallegory@gmail.com**](mailto:tcdallegory@gmail.com)). Please also include a short academic CV in a separate file or the body of your email.  **Graduate and Early Career Workshop: Armenia and Byzantium without borders**  Vienna, 08-10.05.2020 Submission deadline: 31.10.2019  Within the framework of "Moving Byzantium: Mobility, Microstructure and Personal Agency", a five-year project funded through the Wittgenstein-Prize ([**http://rapp.univie.ac.at**](http://rapp.univie.ac.at/)),  "Armenia and Byzantium without Borders III" is a three-day workshop focussing on social and cultural mobility between Armenia and Byzantium in the Middle Ages. This workshop continues a scholarly conversation initiated in April 2018 at the University of Vienna by Dr. Emilio Bonfiglio and Prof. Claudia Rapp and now run in joint partnership with Dr. David Zakarian and Prof. Theo Maarten van Lint at the University of Oxford. The 2020 Workshop will be held at the Division of Byzantine Research, Institute for Medieval Research, of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.  We invite advanced PhD candidates and early career scholars working in the fields of Late Antique, Armenian, Byzantine, and Middle Eastern Studies to submit proposals for 20  min. papers connected with the main topics of "Moving Byzantium", with a focus on aspects of social and cultural mobility of persons, objects, and/or ideas between Armenia and Byzantium throughout the Middle Ages. We are particularly interested in new research showing interaction and communication on both literary and material grounds between the Byzantine world and the Armenians. Papers presented at the workshop will be accompanied by a senior scholar's 10 min. response, followed by a general discussion.  The workshop will be inaugurated with the lecture of our keynote speaker, Dr. Tim Greenwood from the University of St Andrews.    Travel and accommodation expenses of scholars selected for presentation at the workshop will be covered by the "Moving Byzantium" project.  Paper proposals including i) university affiliation, ii) graduate level, iii) title of the paper, iv) abstract (300 words max), and v) CV must be sent by the 31st of October 2019 to Dr. Emilio Bonfiglio ([**emilio.bonfiglio@oeaw.ac.at**](mailto:emilio.bonfiglio@oeaw.ac.at)) and our project-coordinator Dr. Paraskevi Sykopetritou ([**paraskevi.sykopetritou@univie.ac.at**](mailto:paraskevi.sykopetritou@univie.ac.at)).  [**Further information**](https://www.byzneo.univie.ac.at/archiv/armenia-byzantium-without-borders/)    **Conference in memory of Professor Andrzej Poppe: Christian Russia in the Making**  Warsaw (30 January–1 February 2020) Deadline for submission: 30th of November 2019  We invite participation to the first in a series of conferences on ‘The World of the Slavs: Forgotten Meeting Place of Different Cultures’ from researchers interested in the following topics, which bear on the issues and methodology of Andrzej Poppe’s work:  - History of the church in Rus’ - Culture and politics of Rus and relations with other parts of the Christian world - Source studies of Cyrillic texts - Archaeology and material culture in the history of Rus - Auxiliary disciplines of history in the broadest sense (paleography, epigraphy, architectural history, iconography, sphragistics, numismatics, historical geography, etc.) - Settlement studies (the nature and formation of towns and patterns of settlement in Central and Eastern Europe) - History of Slavic studies  Conference applications with abstracts should be submitted by 30 November 2019 to the following address: theworldoftheslavs@gmail.com. The conference languages will be Polish, Russian and English. The organizers will provide accommodation.  [**Further information**](https://ihpan.edu.pl/en/invitation-to-the-first-in-a-series-of-conferences-on-the-theme-the-world-of-the-slavs-forgotten-meeting-place-of-different-cultures/)  **Growing Corpora. Byzantine Book Epigrams and Online Text Collections**  Ghent, 24-25 June 2020 Deadline: 15th of November, 2019  Since 2010, the Database of Byzantine Book Epigrams team (that is: we) have been growing an online corpus of metrical paratexts, several of which were previously unpublished or unknown altogether, and made them freely available to the scholarly community (that is: you).  A new version of our database ([**https://www.dbbe.ugent.be**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/)) was launched in June 2019. Exactly one year later, we are organising a two-day conference. Together with anyone interested in this particular genre of Byzantine poetry, we want to celebrate and reflect on what we have achieved so far and look ahead at what is - hopefully! - yet to come. Moreover, we want to stimulate communication and collaboration with other projects that are growing online corpora of texts.  You can partake in two different types of sessions. In our demo sessions you can present your project and discuss your experiences in growing your online corpus (10-15 minutes). We are confident this will lead to a lively discussion on challenges we all face, such as data presentation, interoperability, and sustainability. In our thematic sessions you can present your research on Byzantine book epigrams (20 minutes).  Possible topics include:  ● editing book epigrams; ● theoretical reflections on the concept of book epigrams and other metrical paratexts; ● book epigrams as a way to study the history of manuscripts; ● visual aspects of book epigrams; ● literary texts that function (or may have functioned) as book epigrams; ● metre and language of book epigrams; ● book epigrams in languages other than Greek.  We especially welcome contributions inspired by the Database of Byzantine Book Epigrams.  Confirmed speakers include Georgi Parpulov (University of Birmingham) and Andreas Rhoby (Austrian Academy of Sciences).  Interested? Send us an abstract (up to 300 words, PDF) by 15 November 2019 ([**dbbe@ugent.be**](mailto:dbbe@ugent.be)) and we will get back to you early December.  Note that we want our conference to reflect who we are as a team: welcoming and inclusive. Costs will be kept to a minimum and we are working hard to secure funding to support anyone for whom traveling might not be evident, including early career or independent scholars and carers of young children.  For any further information, please visit the conference [**website**](http://www.dbbe2020.ugent.be/).  **XIII Symposium Syriacum et au XI Congrès d'études arabes chrétiennes**  Paris, France, 06.-11.07.2020, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO) Deadline for submission: 30.09.2019  Conférences plénières: Pour la premiere fois auront lieu des conférences plénières sur des sujets qui ont connu un développement scientifique significatif au cours de la dernière décennie.  Chaque conférence (d'une durée d'1h, suivie de 15' de questions) a pour but de donner un apercu historiographique des tendances récentes et actuelles de la recherche dans un domaine particulier et de les mettre en perspective par rapport aux études syriaques et arabes chrétiennes et plus largement à d'autres domaines connexes (par exemple, les études sur l'antiquité tardive, l'époque byzantine et islamique). Afin de renforcer les liens entre les deux congrès, chaque conférence sera préparée "en tandem" par un spécialiste d'études syriaques et un spécialiste d'études arabes chrétiennes. Cette idée découle de l'observation selon laquelle les études syriaques et arabes sont trop souvent considérées comme deux domaines distincts, contrairement à ce que l'histoire nous enseigne.  Le programme comprendra les quatre conférences plénières suivantes:  - La Bible en syriaque et en arabe, Alison Salvesen (University of Oxford) et Ronny Vollandt (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Muenchen) - Hagiographie syriaque et arabe: tendences herméneutiques et projets éditoriaux, Cornelia Horn (Martin-Luther-Universitaet Halle-Wittenberg) et Sergey Minov (University of Oxford) - Relations islamo-chrétiennes: sources et tendences herméneutiques de l'apologétique chrétienne, Barbara Roggema (Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum) et Mark Swanson (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago) - Historiographie: de l'Antiquité tardive à la période islamique, Peter Van Nuffelen (Ghent University) et Antoine Borrut (University of Maryland)  [**Visit the website**](https://symsyr-ar2020.sciencesconf.org/)  **Symposium: Anachronisms**  Besançon, France, 19.-20.03.2020, Musée du Temps/Université de Franche-Comté Deadline for Submission: 15.10.2019  [**Further information**](https://www.academia.edu/39755856/Call_for_papers_Anachronisms_symposium_Mus%C3%A9e_du_Temps_Besan%C3%A7on_19-20_March_2020)    **Sessions on Crusading Encounters at SSCLE 9th International Conference**  London, UK, 29.06-03.07.2020, Royal Holloway, University of London Deadline for Application: 01.11.2019  [**Visit the Website**](https://www.sscle2020.com/)    **"Writing Ancient and Medieval Same-Sex Desire: Goals, Methods, Challenges"**  Wellington, New Zealand 30.06.-02.07.2020, Victoria University of Wellington Deadline for Application: 01.12.2019  This call for papers is for a conference to take place June 30-July 2, 2020 at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, on the topic of writing about same-sex desire in ancient and medieval societies. Derek Krueger (UNC Greensboro), Mark Masterson (Victoria University of Wellington), Nancy Rabinowitz (Hamilton College), and Shaun Tougher (Cardiff University) will be providing plenary addresses.  ++ For several decades now, scholars have devoted attention to same-sex desire in both ancient times and the centuries that followed. Not surprisingly, there have been vigorous debates over how to go about it. These debates have been framed in various ways. Here are some examples:  • essentialism VERSUS constructivism;  • Foucauldian discourse analysis VERSUS approaches inspired by psychoanalysis;  • (the impossibility of) objective history VERSUS (overly) subjective history; • perception of commonalities across time VERSUS rigorously historicizing insistence on the past's alterity; • positivism VERSUS imaginative reconstruction of contemporaneous receptions. These dichotomies, which are both reductive and don't exhaust the possibilities, continue to crackle with contention. They also continue to undergird and even disturb current scholarly endeavours. We are looking for papers (30 minutes in length) in which scholars not only speak about primary source material but also reflect explicitly on the theoretical orientation of their work (see the dichotomies above for examples) and the purpose(s) of (their) scholarship on same-sex desire. An additional objective of this conference will be an edited volume of papers that will aim to showcase a variety of approaches to this important topic.   Please send proposals (c. 500 words) to Mark Masterson ([**writingsamesexdesire@gmail.com**](mailto:writingsamesexdesire@gmail.com)) by 1 December 2019. If you have any questions, please send them to him at this address also. In your proposal include 1) the primary source material/historical milieu to be discussed, and  2) the general theoretical basis of the work  [**Visit the Website**](https://cms.victoria.ac.nz/slc/about/events/writing-ancient-and-medieval-same-sex-desire-goals,-methods,-challenges)    **Workshop: Motifs, Influences and Narrative Strategies in the Epics of the East and West**  Istanbul, Turkey, 17.-18.09.2020, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul Deadline for submission: 30.03.2020  [**Further information**](https://www.pdf.investintech.com/preview-frames.php?id=WGMxUkVjRVMxVTZqTTBFZ25yOFhwbEY0SWZDNmlCbERtZE1xVGRSWkdlY2NMbzNsa3FBUzlVbHdPVmltUEpRSTIrWDJOb1huY2JrU3R3Skxvc0dLMmoyZG9MOWFFV0FVU1VnN3FTd0ZaUzZuZk1jR2hxUDdiZ0JCa3kwcC9nLzc=)    **“Byzantium between East and West”: call for articles for a special issue**  Deadline for submission of articles: 31.03.2020  [**Further information**](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09518967.2019.1594088) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **New Research Projects**  (In collaboration with Johannes Preiser-Kapeller)  **New Project: Making and Consuming Drugs in the Italian and Byzantine Worlds (12th-15th c.)**  Wellcome Trust University Award (2019-2024), Principal Investigator: Dr Petros Bouras-Vallianatos, University of Edinburgh  This project aims to examine the significant cultural interaction between the Italian and the Byzantine worlds between the twelfth and the fifteenth centuries by focusing on the making, selling, and administration of drugs, using a wide variety of literary and archaeological sources. It will also provide the first-ever complete edition and English translation of previously unpublished unique examples of Byzantine hospital recipe manuals, the so-called xenōnika. It will shed light on: the emerging profession of the apothecaries and their interaction with customers and other health professionals; the role of state and peer groups in managing and controlling health services; the importance of drug therapy compared to dietetics and surgery; the transfer and exchange of pharmacological knowledge; the impact of the rapidly disseminating Arabic pharmacology and the use of new exotic substances. It takes a comparative approach informed by the methodological perspective of ‘entangled history’, examining interferences and interdependencies between the two regions, with the ultimate aim of offering a critical re-assessment of medieval pharmacy and pharmacology in the wider Mediterranean world. On another level, the project aims to inspire future comparative studies on other aspects of daily life between the Italian and Byzantine worlds.  **Online Catalogue of Byzantine Coins**  Washington, D.C., USA, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  Coins help reveal the economic, political, and religious histories of the Byzantine Empire - and soon, people everywhere can see recent acquisitions from one of the greatest specialized collections of Byzantine coins in the world. Starting July 15, the Online Catalogue of Byzantine Coins presents zoomable images, translations, transcriptions, measurements, and commentary on hundreds of coins. Many were obtained after Volume V of the Catalogue of the Byzantine Coins in the Dumbarton Oaks Collection and in the Whittemore Collection was published in print. For the first time, numismatists and Byzantinists can look at these objects via a free digital catalogue.  [**Visit the website**](https://www.doaks.org/resources/coins)  **The forthcoming edition of the chartulary of the monastery of Lembiotissa by the Institute of Historical Research / National Hellenic Research Foundation.**  The former Institute of Byzantine Research/National Hellenic Research Foundation and now Department of Byzantine Research of the Institute of Historical Research/National Hellenic Research Foundation had, towards the end of the 1990s, assigned to its Senior Researcher Paris Gounaridis the edition of the archive of the monastery of Lembiotissa, which is found in cod. Vind. hist. gr. 125, with the aim to have it published as a monograph titled “The Documents of the Monastery of Lembiotissa. Introduction, Diplomatic Edition, Commentary”, as part of the series “Sources” of the publications of the Department of Byzantine Research. In 2017, a few months before his demise, Prof. Paris Gounaridis delivered to the Institute of Historical Research the text of the edition almost complete. The sudden death, however, of the editor did not allow for the full completion of the edition, while it was only a few months ago that the entire file of his work was acquired by the Institute, thus opening the way for the publication of the volume. Dr. Ekaterini Mitsiou is expected to undertake the task to edit the volume, which, according to the program set by the Institute, will be published within 2020.  **New version of the Database of Byzantine Book Epigrams**  (DBBE, hosted at Ghent University), freely accessible at [**https://www.dbbe.ugent.be**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/).   Thanks to the generous support of the Special Research Fund of Ghent University, DBBE has been completely redesigned over the past two years, in close collaboration with the [**Database, Document and Content Management**](https://ddcm.ugent.be/) research group of the Faculty of Engineering of Ghent University and with the [**Ghent Centre for Digital Humanities**](https://www.ghentcdh.ugent.be/).  The corpus of Byzantine metrical paratexts collected in our Database has been consistently enlarged, through the systematic consultation of manuscripts and relevant secondary literature, and it now counts some 10700 single epigrams, over 7000 of which are the result of first-hand inspection of (reproductions of) manuscripts. In comparison with the previous version of DBBE, our users are offered the possibility to navigate more easily through the different records, which are much better linked to each other. The search function of Greek text has been refined and provides users with more accurate results. While the distinction between [**Occurrences**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/occurrences/search) (unique epigrams as to be found in manuscripts) and [**Types**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/types/search) (normalised texts of similar occurrences) has been retained, a new way to group epigrams has been introduced: the Verse Variants records. These pages display a clear overview of the parallels and deviations of single verse lines. The Verse Variants are accessible by clicking on single epigram verse lines. The main scope of DBBE is collecting Byzantine book epigrams and offering their texts to the scholarly community. However, we are aiming to make available contextual data as well, and have paid major attention to the improvement of information on [**Manuscript**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/manuscripts/search) and [**Persons**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/persons/search). The Bibliography section has been adjusted and it now includes a search path. We gladly refer to our [**Help page**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/pages/help) and [**Search Tricks and Tips page**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/pages/search-tips-tricks) for more information. Users are encouraged to explore the new features of DBBE and are welcome to give comments and feedback at dbbe@ugent.be.   DBBE [**team**](https://www.dbbe.ugent.be/pages/team): Floris Bernard Julián Bértola Julie Boeten Cristina Cocola Sien De Groot Kristoffel Demoen Pieterjan De Potter Ilse De Vos Rachele Ricceri Anne-Sophie Rouckhout  **Lactating Breasts: Motherhood and Breastfeeding in Antiquity and Byzantium (4th century BCE-7th century CE)**  Motherhood and breastfeeding in the Hellenistic and early Byzantine cultures (323 BCE-650 CE) are set under exploration in the context of the interdisciplinary research programme of the University of Cyprus, which is funded by the Cypriot Research Promotion Foundation (“Excellence Hubs” Programme).  The research programme, labelled with the acronym MotherBreast, is to be conducted with the participation of the Pediatric Society of Cyprus and the Cyprus Breastfeeding Association “Gift for Life”. The research team consists of researches from the University of Cyprus and other international universities (Harvard University and Cardiff University).  MotherBreast will perform pioneering comparative and interdisciplinary research by using the concepts of “gender”, “body” and “performance” to investigate the various aspects of the strong affinities between woman—as mother and nurse—and her lactating breast, as well as the social, ideological and medical meanings and uses of motherhood, childbirth and breastfeeding, and their visual and literary representations. Furthermore, MotherBreast will use its research outputs to promote breastfeeding and other relevant ecological practices (e.g. natural childbirth, healthy nutrition and physical exercise) in contemporary societies. By developing the model of the lactating woman as a new critical frame for approaching ancient motherhood (Hellenistic and Early Byzantine), MotherBreast will seek to address the following key questions: - What is the predominant rhetoric and semantic value of the breast in the examined periods? What kind of larger discourses (medical, environmental, philosophical, religious, political, legal, and literary) contribute to its meaning at a given time? - Which health and medical practices are used in the Hellenistic and Byzantine times for the initiation and maintenance of lactation? What are the medical uses of breast milk? - What role does breastfeeding have in Hellenistic and Byzantine art and literature? - How could scholars of past civilizations successfully collaborate with medical researchers and professionals for turning outputs of historical research into public and profitable knowledge, on the one hand, and into national policies, on the other? - How could knowledge of ancient pharmacological recipes and health practices become a useful matrix of information in the hands of contemporary health practitioners and health-policy makers for the adoption of new and more ecological practices and/or for the creation of new recipes and biopharmaceutical products? In an attempt to bridge the past and the present for the benefit of modern societies, MotherBreast will create important synergies between cultural historians and health scientists and professionals.  MotherBreast’s structure and the engagement with the dynamic relationship between Ancient, Medieval and Modern has a twofold aim: a) to provide fundamental historical research on past societies and b) to influence contemporary debates, practices and policies concerning sustainability, motherhood, and breastfeeding.  For further details, please visit the official MotherBreast website at: [**https://ucy.ac.cy/motherbreast/**](https://ucy.ac.cy/motherbreast/).  **Cooperation Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus - Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okizdent - Mainz funded for another four years**  The interdisciplinary cooperation Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus - Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident - Mainz will be funded for another four years by the Leibniz-Gemeinschaft (press release: [**http://www.uni-mainz.de/presse/aktuell/8209\_DEU\_HTML.php**](http://www.uni-mainz.de/presse/aktuell/8209_DEU_HTML.php)). The work programme of this second funding period that is to sart in July 2019 will be thematically-focused on Byzantium between Orient and Occident: Appropriation, translation and dissemination of knowledge, ideas and objects.  For further information:  [**www.byzanz-mainz.de**](http://www.byzanz-mainz.de/) [**https://rgzm.academia.edu/WissenschaftsCampusMainzByzanzzwischenOrientundOkzident**](https://rgzm.academia.edu/WissenschaftsCampusMainzByzanzzwischenOrientundOkzident)  **History of the Russian Saint Panteleimon Monastery on Mount Athos**  This long-term project is developing by the Institute of the Athos History (Moscow) researchers, who have devoted many years to the study of historical ties between Russia and Athos. The basis of the study is research of the unique documents of Athos monasteries, Russian and foreign archives. At present, the first stage of the study is completed: «A History of the Russian St. Panteleimon Monastery on Mount Athos from ancient times to 1735». Current results of this stage were published in four parts:  I. Chronological representation of the history of Rossikon (2015) – ISBN 978-5-9906769-6-1  II. Rossikon's prayer life and the world (2019) – ISBN 978-5-6041972-8-8  III. Thousand-year experience of Rossikon’s monastic life (2019) – ISBN 978-5-6041972-9-5  IV. Corpus of the epistolary heritage of Rossikon (2018) – ISBN 978-5-9906769-7-8  New stage “The History of St. Panteleimon Monastery on Athos from 1735 to 1912” begin now.  For further information: [**http://instathos.ru/**](http://instathos.ru/)  **Acts of notaries, drawn up in the cities of the Black Sea region**  International research project developing in productive cooperation between scientific team from the Lomonosov Moscow State University, headed by academician Sergey Karpov, and Italian colleagues, professors from the universities of Genoa and Turin: Alfonso Assini, Enrico Basso, M.G. Alvaro and Laura Balletto. The project explored unique sources that allow to highlighting different aspects of the history of the cities of Crimea and adjacent areas in this era.  Within the project scope, the following monograph was published: The acts of the Genoese notaries, drawn up in Kaffa and in other cities of the Black Sea region in the XIV-XV centuries. / edited by S.P. Karpov; compiled by M.G. Alvaro, A. Assini, L. Balletto, E. Basso. St. Petersburg: Aletheia, 2018. 760 p. [Black Sea in the Middle Ages. Vol. X] ISBN: 978-5-907030-13-8  This book includes notaries’ acts in Latin, with detailed registers and comments in Russian and Italian. Many documents from the State Archive of Genoa are published for the first time.    **Late Byzantine Poetry from 1204 to the End of the Empire**  Austrian Academy of Sciences, funded by the Austrian Science Funds FWF, project leader Krystina Kubina  The late Byzantine period (c. 1204 to the middle of the 15th century) saw an age of radical political change from a unified empire to several single polities, as well as socioeconomic and military crises. At the same time, cultural life experienced a flourishing of the arts, architecture and literature. Poetry has survived from all regions dominated by Byzantine culture over the whole 250-year time span. Even though there has been a growing academic interest in Byzantine poetry in general, the late period is largely unexplored. If at all, there have been studies on single authors and texts, but no attempt has been made to understand the poetry of late Byzantium in its various cultural and social contexts. This project aims to fill this gap by highlighting trends and developments in late poetry, while doing justice to the nature of poetry as a ubiquitous means of cultural expression and identity-building in Byzantium.  **New Project: A Narratological Commentary on Digenis Akritis**  The project is funded by the Czech Grant Foundation and has started at the Masaryk University in Brno in January 2019. Its duration is 3 years and main output will be a book-length narratological commentary on the only extent Byzantine epos.  Team members: Markéta Kulhánková, Ondřej Cikán  More information can be found on the project [**website.**](https://www.muni.cz/en/research/projects/44579)  **New Project: Bessarion’s contribution to the processes of dissemination of Byzantine cultural heritage in the West during the late 15th century**  The project focuses on the main philosophical work of Bessarion (1408-1472), the "In Calumniatorem Platonis" (ICP). The primary objective is to prepare and publish a full critical edition of both Greek and Latin versions of all six books of the ICP. The project also aims to paint a comprehensive picture of the efforts of Bessarion and members of his scholarly circle to explain the value of Byzantine cultural heritage for the West to a learned audience in Italy during the late 15th century. The project is financed through the Heisenberg Programme of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and hosted by the Institute of Byzantine Studies at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany.  Initiator of the project and principal investigator is PD Dr. Sergei Mariev.  More information can be found on the project [**website**](https://byzantinistik.geschichte.uni-mainz.de/forschung/bessarion-projekt/).  **New project: Johannes Zacharias Aktuarios, Περὶ ἐνεργειῶν καὶ παθῶν τοῦ ψυχικοῦ πνεύματος καὶ τῆς κατ᾽ αὐτὸ διαίτης λόγοι β´: critical edition and medical-historical analysis**  The aim of this research project is the preparation of a comprehensive critical edition of the bipartite treatise on the ψυχικὸν πνεῦμα of the Byzantine physician, scholar and actuarius John Zacharias (about 1275-1328). The edition will also comprise a German translation and will attempt to situate the treatise within the broader context of the reception of medical Gebrauchsliteratur. The Greek text of the treatise is transmitted in about 33 manuscripts that date mainly between the 14th and 16th centuries. One of the main purposes of this research project is the editorial elaboration of the individual redactions of this treatise with an aim to provide an adequate methodical illustration of the specific nature of medical texts that had been destined for practical use in Byzantium. Together with the critical edition of John Zacharias’ treatise a revised and supplemented edition of the middle Byzantine treatise Περὶ τῆς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου κατασκευῆς, which has survived under the name of a Theophilos (Protospatharios?), will be prepared, especially considering its function as an important source for John Zacharias.  More information can be found on the project [**website**](http://jza.badw.de/).  **New Project: The Cult of Saints - A research project on the Cult of Saints from its origins to circa AD 700, across the entire Christian world**    At the centre of the project is a searchable database on which all the early evidence for the cult of the saints is being collected, whether in Armenian, Coptic, Georgian, Greek, Latin or Syriac, with summaries of long texts and full quotation of key passages, both in the original language and in English translation.  Every piece of evidence will be accompanied by a brief discussion, considering issues such as its dating and the details of cult that it reveals.  This database will be fully searchable, making it simple to access all the evidence for the early cult of a single saint, such as Martin of Tours, or to narrow the search down – for instance, to evidence for churches dedicated to Martin in 6th-century Italy.  It will also be possible to narrow searches to specific types of evidence (for instance, images only), or to specific cult practices (such as the creation of contact relics or the practice of incubation, sleeping at a shrine in the hope of a dream-vision).  [**Visit the Website**](http://cultofsaints.history.ox.ac.uk/?page_id=144)  **New project: Digitising Patterns of Power (DPP): Peripherical Mountains in the Medieval World**  The project “Digitising Patterns of Power (DPP): Peripherical Mountains in the Medieval World” is funded within the programme “Digital Humanities: Langzeitprojekte zum kulturellen Erbe” of the Austrian Academy of Sciences for the duration of four years (PI: Doz. Dr. Mihailo Popović, 2015–2018). It is hosted at the Institute for Medieval Research (IMAFO) of the same Academy and unites as a cluster project various experts from the fields of Medieval History, Byzantine Studies, Historical Geography, Archaeology, Geography, Cartography, Geographical Information Science (GISc) and Software Engineering. DPP focuses on the depiction and analysis of space and place in medieval written sources, the interaction between built and natural environment, the appropriation of space and the emergence of new political, religious and economic structures of power. Moreover, DPP is a cutting edge project within Digital Humanities and uses as well as develops digital tools for data-acquisition, data-management, processing as well as for analysis, visualisation, communication and publication.   [**Visit the Website**](http://dpp.oeaw.ac.at/)    **BYZART - Byzantine Art and Archaeology Thematic Channel for Europeana**  On 1st October 2017, the "BYZART - Byzantine Art and Archaeology Thematic Channel" project was launched. Coordinated by the University of Bologna (prof. Isabella Baldini), it aims at making about 75.000 cultural and artistic multimedia contents accessible online through the [**Europeana Platform**](https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en). The contents that will be made available to Europeana include collections of digitized photos, video and audio contents, as well as 3D surveys and reconstructions about Byzantine history and culture, one of the milestones of European cultural heritage. The digital objects will be available at the best possible quality and according to the Europeana Right Statements. Moreover, the action will enhance Europeana accessibility and visibility, by rationalising and classifying the items already uploaded on the platform. By the end of the action, the number of the digital items related to Byzantine art and archaeology on Europeana platform will reach about 115.500. Partner institutions of the project are the Ionian University of Kerkyra, the Open University of Cyprus, the Institute of Art Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Institute of Historical Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation in Athens, the International Mosaic Documentation Centre of the Ravenna's Art Museum. On 31th October, 2107, the kick-off meeting of the project took place at the Department of History and Cultures of the University of Bologna. The project is co-financed by the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility with a grant of 425.827 euros.  [**Further information**](http://www.magazine.unibo.it/archivio/2017/10/05/byzart-l2019era-bizantina-rivive-in-rete-grazie-all2019alma-mater)  **Cooperation among scientific institutions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and research institutions of the Church of Greece and Cyprus**  An Anniversary Jubilee Conference on the occasion of 50 years of the Patriarchal Institute of Patristic Studies took place at the Amphitheater of the Foundation (Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegic Monastery of Blatadon) in Thessaloniki. A memorandum for the establishment of a network regarding the cooperation among scientific institutions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and research institutions of the Church of Greece and Cyprus focusing on Byzantine culture was signed during the Conference. Among these institutions are the Foundation for Research and Technology in Crete, the Mount Athos Center (Hagioritiki Hestia), the Ecclesiastical Center for Historical and Cultural Studies of the Holy Metropolis of Samos and Ikaria, the Institute for Postgraduate Studies in Orthodox Theology (in Chambesy, Geneva), “Patriarch Athenagoras” Orthodox Institute (Berkeley, USA) and Bolos Academy for Theological Studies. The Cypriot institution, which signed the Memorandum were the World Forum for Religions and Cultures of the Holy Kykkos Monastery in Lefkosia and «St. Epiphanios» Cultural Academy of the Holy Metropolis of Konstantia and Ammochostos.  [**Further information**](https://acadimia.org/nea-anakoinoseis/deltia-typou/605-epeteiako-symposio-iovilaiou-patriarxikoy-idrymatos-paterikon-meleton)    **Petitions**  **Petition of the Citizens’ Movement for the Protection of the Cultural Heritage** Please see [**this link**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FBRzitr6b8kEuWSuCEoHGBLGHygyGhD7QuuL7fZiZfw/viewform?edit_requested=true) for a petition regarding the fate of the antiquities at Venizelou station in Thessaloniki. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Submission Instructions and Deadline**    To submit news and information to the Newsletter, **please use the submission form on the website of the AIEB**[**at this following address**](http://aiebnet.gr/newsletter-main/)**(**http://aiebnet.gr/newsletter-main/)**.**You are kindly requested to fill in the form that is found under the tab “Share your news”. The field “Subject” is intended for a short title of your submission (e.g. Call for Papers or Conference Title). The field “Message” should be used for the body of your message and contain all the information that you would like to see in the next issue of the Newsletter. PLEASE NOTE that  the submissions via email to the editors may be ignored.  **The next issue of the Newsletter will appear on October 21st, 2019**. We will be able to consider submissions that reach the editors **by 16:00 (Central European Time) of the 17th of October 2019.** Submissions that reach us after this deadline will be considered for publication in the following issue of the Newsletter. | | |