

From 12th until 15th September 2012, the Department for Byzantine Studies of the Institute for Medieval Research (Austrian Academy of Sciences) will host the International Conference “The Patriarchate of Constantinople in Context and Comparison”, assembling experts in the history of this most central institution of the Orthodox Church from more than 10 countries.

The Patriarchate of Constantinople in Context and Comparison International Conference

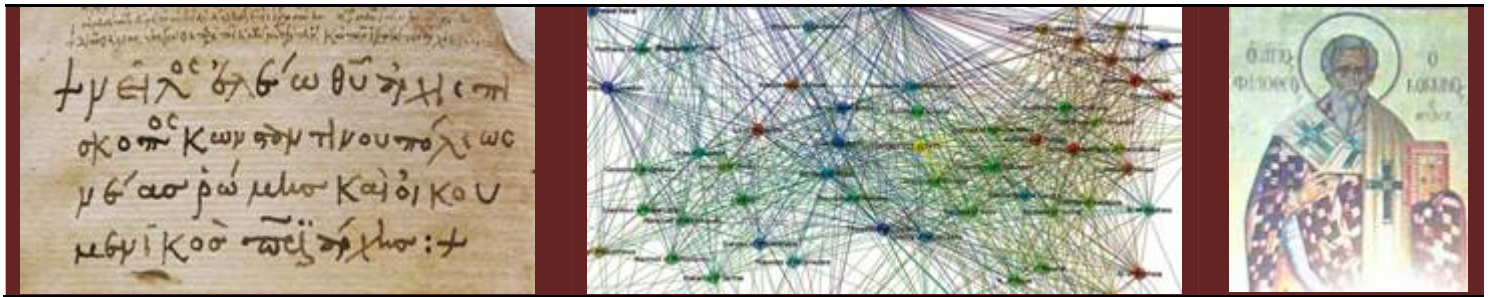
Time: September 12th-15th 2012

Place: A1040 Vienna, Wohllebengasse 12-14

Organiser: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Medieval Research, Department for Byzantine Studies; the congress will be organised in co-operation with the EU project POSDRU 89/1.5/S/61104 of the Romanian Academy of Sciences, the Foundation *Pro Oriente* and the FWF Austrian Science Fund.

The „Edition of the Register of the Patriarchate of Constantinople (PRK)“ is a major long-term project of the Institute for Byzantine Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. In the last years, this project has become part of an international network of research on the Late Byzantine Church, laying the foundation for a new „Association Internationale pour l'Etude du Patriarcat de Constantinople (PATRHIST)“.

Within this network, a symposium in Paris (June 2010) as well as a round table at the 22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Sofia (August 2011; http://22byzantinecongress.org/program_08-08-2011.pdf) under the title *Le Patriarcat oecuménique de Constantinople et Byzance “hors frontières”* have been organised. As partner of the EU-funded project POSDRU 89/1.5/S/61104, the Institute for Byzantine Studies also oversees the research focus „*The Byzantine Church in a time of crisis (1204-1500). Sources, structures and methods*“. At the Conference in September 2012, these topics will be further examined; at the same time, new research questions also beyond the Late Byzantine centuries and beyond the borders of Byzantium shall be addressed. Thus, the relevance of research on this central ecclesiastical institution at the crossroads between East and West, between Christianity and Islam and between Antiquity, Middle Ages and the Modern Period for the historical development of the Euro-Mediterranean region will be illustrated.



The following aspects will be discussed:

- *Central institutions, procedures and personnel of the Byzantine Church*
- *Ecclesiastical Controversies within and beyond the Byzantine Church between 1200 and 1500*
- *The Patriarchate and Byzantine Monasticism*
- *The Patriarchate, the Church and the State in the context of political, socioeconomic and cultural developments in Late Byzantium*
- *The Patriarchate and the Synod in comparison across time and beyond Byzantium*
- *The Patriarchate of Constantinople and Islam until the early Ottoman Period*
- *The Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Churches of the East*
- *The Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Western Church*
- *The Register of the Patriarchate of Constantinople – aspects of a central source*

General Timetable

09/12/2012 (ca. 18.00): keynote lecture of Prof **Jonathan Harris (University of London, Royal Holloway)**

The Patriarch of Constantinople and the Last Days of Byzantium

09/13/2012: ca. 9.00-19.00

09/14/2012: ca. 9.00-19.00

09/15/2012: ca. 9.00-12.00

sessions with communications of about 20 min of the below mentioned researchers.

(not included are here the chairs and welcome addresses, a. o. from the head of the department Prof. **Claudia Rapp**)



SPEAKERS

APOSTOLOPOULOS DIMITRIOS
PAIZI-APOSTOLOPOULOU MACHI
BAYRAKTAR-TELLAN ELIF
BENGA DANIEL
BLANCHET MARIE HELENE
CHRYSSOCHOIDIS KRITON
CONGOURDEAU MARIE-HELENE
ESTANGUI GOMEZ RAUL
EVANGELOU IOULIA
GEROLYMATOU MARIA
GIROS CHRISTOPHE
GOLUBEV OLEG
GOUNARIDIS PARIS
GRÜNBART MICHAEL
GURAN PETRE
HARRIS JONATHAN
KOLDITZ SEBASTIAN
KRAUS CHRISTOF
LAURITZEN FREDERICK

MALATRAS CHRISTOS
MARTYNIIOUK ALEKSEY
MATSCHKE KLAUS PETER
MELVANI NICHOLAS
MURESAN DAN IOAN
PIERALLI LUCA
PITSAKIS KONSTANTINOS
RUSNAC NATALIA
SCHMINCK ANDREAS
SIMON ALEXANDRU
SMYRLIS KONSTANTINOS
STAVROU MICHEL
TODT KLAUS PETER
TUDORIE IONUT ALEXANDRU
VETOCHNIKOV KONSTANTINOS
GASTGEBER CHRISTIAN
MITSIU EKATERINI
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A detailed programme will follow during August via e-mail and on the homepage of the Department of Byzantine Studies (www.oeaw.ac.at/byzanz)

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