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LEAD SEALS IN BYZANTINE THRACE

SIGILLOGRAPHY MEETS HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY

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START: 10:00

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SEMINAR ROOM

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VENUE:

April 19: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Seminar Room, Hollandstr. 11-13, 1st Floor, 1020 Vienna

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Images:

- 1) Map of Thrace by Abraham Ortelius (1585), Wikimedia Commons
- 2) Seal of Asotios, military commander of Varna (ca. mid-11th c.), private collection A.-K. Wassiliou-Seibt



PROGRAMME

- 10:00–10:10** **Welcome**
Claudia Rapp | Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 10:10–11:00** *Chair: Andreas Rhoby*
- Keynote lecture**
Werner Seibt | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Der weite Weg vom magister militum per Thracias zum strategos tes Thrakes
- 11:00–11:30** COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30–13:30** **First Session**
Chair: Andreas Schwarcz
- 11:30–11:50** **Andreas Gkoutzioukostas** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
The LSByT research programme: Lead Seals in Byzantine Thrace: Re-examination of data, mapping the distribution of findings and tracing the communication networks
- 11:50–12:10** **Zhenya Zhekova** | University of Šumen
Seals and findspots in Byzantine Thrace: The scientific work and the contribution of Ivan Jordanov
- 12:10–12:30** **Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/Austrian Academy of Sciences
The seals of high financial officers of Constantinople found in the capital of the Bulgarian Empire: Reading, dating, interpretation
- 12:30–12:50** **Dimitris Sidiropoulos – Konstantinos Diados** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Quantitative and qualitative analysis of lead seals in Byzantine Thrace
- 12:50–13:10** **Dimitris P. Drakoulis** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Visualization of historical-geographical data and the mapping of seals' distribution in Byzantine Thrace
- 13:10–13:30** **Discussion**
- 13:30–14:30** LUNCH
- 14:30–16:10** **Second Session**
Chairs: Mihailo Popović – Ioannes Leontiades
- 14:30–14:50** **Andreas Külzer** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Beyond Constantinople: Market Centers and Networks of Communication in Late Antique and Medieval Eastern Thrace
- 14:50–15:10** **Andreas Gkoutzioukostas – A.-K. Wassiliou-Seibt – Dimitris Sidiropoulos – Konstantinos Diados** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki /Austrian Academy of Sciences
Seals of emperors, civil and military servants in Byzantine Thrace (6th-8th c.): A historical analysis
- 15:10–15:30** **Dimitris Sidiropoulos – A.-K. Wassiliou-Seibt** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki / Austrian Academy of Sciences
Seals of provincial military commanders and their mobility in Thrace (9th-12th c.). The case of στρατηγός Θράκης
- 15:30–15:50** **Ekaterini Mitsiou** | University of Vienna (ENCHANT Project)
Monastic networks of Thrace: the case of Kosmosoteira
- 15:50–16:10** **Discussion**
- 16:10–16:20** COFFEE BREAK
- 16:20–18:00** **Third Session**
Chair: Klaus Belke
- 16:20–16:40** **Andreas Gkoutzioukostas** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Seals of provincial civil dignitaries in Byzantine Thrace (9th-12th): Tracing and interpreting the communication networks
- 16:40-17:00** **Peter Soustal** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Thracian toponyms in Macedonia
- 17:00–17:20** **Andreas Pülz** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Überlegungen zur Kirchenarchitektur und -ausstattung der frühbyzantinischen Zeit in Thrakien
- 17:20–17:30** **Discussion**
- 17:30–18:00** **Concluding Remarks**
Werner Seibt – Mihailo Popović – Ioannes Leontiades