



GLOBAL BYZANTIUM AT ANKARA: FROM PAST TO PRESENT . (SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES)

The Byzantine Seminar Series “Byzantium at Ankara” is an event organized and hosted in collaboration by the Department of History at Bilkent University and the Department of History of Art at Hacettepe University which was held over the entire 2019/2020 Academic Year as organized by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sercan Yandim and Asst. Prof. Dr. Luca Zavagno (Bilkent University)

The object of the series of talks is to engage Byzantine scholars from different backgrounds and areas of expertise in a conversation on issues which relate and resonate with the current socio-political and economic situation. The importance of building \ these connections should indeed allow to put Byzantium in a global, modern and historical perspective .The idea is to have an inter and multidisciplinary approach to all-encompassing topics like **“Famines and Plagues”**, **“Crisis and Migrations across land and sea frontiers”** and **“Iconography of Byzantine disasters and Renaissance”** as debates will be open to scholars and students as well as Medieval and Byzantine enthusiasts.

SCHEDULE

I. Famine and Plagues in Byzantium: archaeology, documentary and hagiography in a comparative perspective – Friday, 10 July 2020 h. 19:00 (Istanbul Time)

Discussants: Beate Bölhendorf Arslan (Philipps Universität Marburg), William Caraher (University of North Dakota), Antje Fehrman (Freier Universität Berlin), and Aneilya Barnes (Coastal Carolina University).

II. Crisis and Migrations across the Mediterranean frontier: was it really all about a Dark Ages after all? - Friday, 17 July 2020 h. 19.00 (Istanbul Time)

Discussants: Rebecca Darley (Birkbeck University), Jonathan Jarrett (University of Leeds), Nicholas Bakirtzis (Cyprus Research Institute) and Luca Zavagno (Bilkent University)

III. Picturing disasters (and Renaissance) in Byzantium - Friday, 24 July 2020 h. 19.00 (Istanbul Time)

Participants: Sercan Yandim (Hacettepe University), Renate Burri (University of Bern), and Ivana Jevtic (Koç University)

All the sessions will be broadcasted via zoom and upon pre-registration at luca.zavagno@bilkent.edu.tr or sercan.yandim@hacettepe.edu.tr a link to attend the seminars will be send one hour before the start of the meeting.