

International conference on imperial legacies in a cross-cultural Mediterranean context

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Friday 23 - Sunday 25 September 2011



DAY 1 FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2011

8.30 - 9.00 Morning coffee

9.00 - 9.15 Opening remarks

Section I: Political and administrative legacies (panels 1 & 2)

Panel 1 (9.15 - 11.30): foundation myths and administrative 'borrowings'

Christianizing the concept of imperium in Late Antiquity

CLAUDIA RAPP (University of Vienna)

Imperial identity in the making during the Proto-Imperial era

CEMAL KAFADAR (Harvard University)

Historical memories of empire in Late Byzantium

DIMITER ANGELOV (University of Birmingham)

The legend of Alexander in the Early Ottoman Empire

DIMITRIS KASTRITSIS (University of St. Andrews)

11.30 - 1.45 Coffee/tea break

Panel 2 (11.45 - 2.00): Law and the evolution of legal systems

How the legacy was used: the Byzantines and the Justinianic codification

BERNARD STOLTE (Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut, Rome)

The tension between sharia precepts and pragmatic need in Umayyad and Abbasid administrative practice

MOHAMMED FADEL (University of Toronto)

Byzantine law courts and their Roman antecedents

ROSEMARY MORRIS (University of York)

The hybridism of Ottoman legal tradition in state administrative practice

RHOADS MURPHEY (University of Birmingham)

2.00 - 3.15 Lunch break

Section II: Cultural diversity and cultural cosmopolitanism of Empires (panels 3, 4 & 5)

Panel 3 (3.15 - 5.00): cultural diversity in Empires

All quiet on the waterfront: eastern Mediterranean port cities as sites of cultural contestation

TOM GALLANT (University of California, San Diego)

The cosmopolitanism of Pireus in the Late Ottoman era as reflected in the life stories of its inhabitants

RENÉE HIRSHON (Oxford University, St. Peter's)

Strauss: language and power in the Late Ottoman Empire

JOHANN STRAUSS (University of Strasbourg)

5.00 - 5.15 Coffee/tea break

Panel 4: (5.15 - 6.30) Religious diversity and pluralism

Religion in Byzantine imperial succession

RUTH MACRIDES (University of Birmingham)

Religious pluralism in the Balkans during the late Ottoman Imperial Era

NATHALIE CLAYER (EHESS, Paris)





DAY 2 SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2011

8.30 - 900 Morning coffee

Section II (Continued)

Panel 5 (9.00 - 11.15): disputed artistic identity and imperial legacy

Reflections on the influence of imperial art on Christian art

BEAT BRENK (Università di Roma 'La Sapienza')

God or emperor?: The clash of scholars

LESLIE BRUBAKER (University of Birmingham)

Was the Byzantine Emperor Christ, an angel, or a saint?

HENRY MAGUIRE (Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University)

Clash of goddesses: the empress in Byzantine art

ELIZABETH JAMES (University of Sussex)

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee/tea break

Section II: Empire and Region (panels 6 & 7)

Panel 6 (11.30 - 1.45): regions (ancient, medieval and post-medieval)

Regional impact of the Ottoman Empire in Greece in a comparative Mediterranean context

JOHN BINTLIFF (University of Leiden)

Custom, tradition and 'The Law' in the post-medieval Cyclades

AGLAIA KASDAGLI (University of Crete)

Imperial impacts and regional diversities: Cycladic identities from 'Constantinople' to 'Venice' and Back'

ATHANASIOS VIONIS (University of Cyprus)

Legacies in the landscape: The Vostizza District, c.1460-1715

MALCOLM WAGSTAFF (Emeritus, University of Southampton)

1.45 - 3.15 Lunch break

Panel 7 (3.15 - 5.00): regions and regionalism in Empires of the modern era

The Ottoman roots of post-Ottoman nation-states

FREDERICK ANSCOMBE (Birkbeck College, London)

Imperial legacies in the Sudan: the Anglo-Egyptian Contest, 1899-1924

JAYNE GIFFORD (University of the West of England, Bristol)

Defending the swing door of Empire: the Suez Canal and British Grand Strategy

STEVE MOREWOOD (University of Birmingham)

5:00 - 5:30 Coffee/tea break

5:30 - 6:15 Conference Summary & Closing Remarks

5:30 - 5:50 Summary Remarks by Chris Wickham (Oxford University)

5:50 - 6:15 General Remarks, Comparisons and Closure

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