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26 June Monday

- 17:00 - 18:00 **Registration (Salis Medrese)**
- 18:00 - 19:00 **Welcoming remarks**
- 19:00 - 19:45 **First keynote talk**
Kelly DeVries (Loyola University, Maryland, USA)
The Medieval Sieges of Thessaloniki
- 20:00 Reception

27 June Tuesday

- 09:00 - 09:45 **Second keynote talk (Salis Medrese)**
John D. Hosler (Command and General Staff College, USA)
Eastern Mediterranean Warfare: the Jerusalem Experience, 7th-13th centuries
- 10:00 - 11:20 **Panel 1 (Salis Medrese)**
Warfare in the Western Mediterranean
1. Saim Anil Karzek (Bilkent University, Turkey)
*The dominance of the Donanma-i Hümâyûn:
The Battle of Djerba and its implications in the Western Mediterranean*
- 2. Abdelaziz Boukenna (University of Algiers, Algeria)**
*Naval hostilities in the Western Mediterranean between the Spanish,
the Hospitallers, Algerians and the Ottomans from 1510 to 1554*
- 3. Allon Klebanoff (The Centre for Western Studies, Israel)**
*From Lepanto to the Armada: Mediterranean vs.
Atlantic naval warfare tactics in a time of change*
- 11:20 – 12:00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 12:00 - 13:20 **Panel 2 (Salis Medrese)**
Financing, Logistics and Politics
- 4. Pablo Sanahuja Ferrer (Real Colegio Complutense and Harvard University, USA)**
*A kingdom unable to defend itself. Military mobilization in the kingdom
of Valencia (XIVth century): Financing, logistics and politics as determinants*
- 5. Jacopo Pessina (University of Pisa, Italy)**
Rethinking the Tuscan armies in the Italian Wars, 1494-1559
- 6. Yusuf Ziya Karabiçak (Mainz University, Germany)**
A ceremonial army? The march of the Ottoman army to the Russian Front in 1769
- 13:20 – 15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

15:00 - 16:20

Panel 3A (Salis Medrese)
War, Diplomacy and Geo-politics I

- 7. Angeliki Delikari and Eleni Giantsi (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)**
Byzantine political ideology and the incompatibility of the wars against Byzantium by its 'intellectual children' - The case of the Bulgarian ruler Simeon
- 8. Konstantinos Karatolios (University of Crete, Greece)**
Imperial military education on the eve of the Macedonian Dynasty, Basil I and Leo VI
- 9. Boris Stojkovski (University of Novi Sad, Serbia)**
Adversaries, subjects and allies. Byzantium, Hungary and Serbia in the 12th century
- 10. Yanko Hristov (South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria)**
The treatment of the defeated: some early medieval Bulgarian peculiarities and their contemporary Mediterranean parallels

15:00 - 16:20

Panel 3B (Darülkurra)
Siege Operations

- 11. Alexandru Madgearu (Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Romania)**
The siege of Constantinople in 515
- 12. Grigori Simeonov (Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik, Austria)**
War and nature: Tracing the impact of the environment on the sieges of Constantinople
- 13. Dimitrios Sidiropoulos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)**
Besieging Chandax: Some considerations on the Byzantine efforts to eliminate the Cretan threat

16:20 - 17:00

COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 18:20

Panel 4A (Salis Medrese)
Fortifications

- 14. Michael Livingston (The Citadel, USA)**
Byzantine Thermopylae: Invasions and fortifications
- 15. Kirił Marinow (University of Lodz, Poland)**
Passages, fortifications, inhabitants: the Bulgarian mountains during the war with the Kometopouloi according to Byzantine sources
- 16. Georgios Michailidis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)**
Imperial and private fortification activities during Andronikos III Palaiologos' reign (1328-1341). Defending the empire and personal interests in Macedonia and Thrace

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Panel 4B (Darülkurra)
War, Diplomacy and Geo-politics II

- 17. Wayne H. Bowen (University of Central Florida, USA)**
Uneasy allies: The Knights of Malta and the Spanish Habsburgs, 1530-1701
- 18. Marta Cristina Oria de Rueda Molins (École Normale Supérieure in Lyon, France)**
A strategical prolepsis: The assaults of Famagusta and Nicosia in Spanish epic poetry
- 19. Eric Dursteler (Brigham Young University, USA)**
Language and communication in the multilingual militaries of the Early Modern Mediterranean

20:30

CONFERENCE DINNER

28 June Wednesday

- 09:00 - 09:45** **Third keynote talk (Salis Medrese)**
Taxiarchis G. Kolias (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
Some thoughts on the aftermath of military conflicts: the case of Byzantium
- 10:00 – 11:20** **Panel 5 (Salis Medrese)**
Mercenaries and Foreigners I
- 20. Panos Sophoulis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)**
Soldiery and brigandage: Some evidence from the Late Medieval Balkans
- 21. Ioannis-Marios Tsatas (University of Ioannina, Greece)**
Alan mercenaries in Late Byzantium: An overlooked ally?
- 22. Phoebe-Irene Georgiadi (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)**
Andronikos II and the Catalans
- 11:20 - 12:00** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 12:00 - 13:20** **Panel 6A (Salis Medrese)**
Reconsidering the Evidence
- 23. Christos G. Makrypoulias (Independent, Greece)**
Some observations on the oarage system of Middle Byzantine warships
- 24. Marek Meško (University of Hradec Králové, the Czech Republic)**
The chronology of the transition from δρουγγάριος τῶν πλοίων to μέγας δοῦξ τοῦ στόλου under Alexios I Komnenos. A reassessment
- 25. Christopher Lillington-Martin (University of Barcelona, Spain)**
The Battle of Dara, 530
- 12:00 - 13:30** **Panel 6B (Darülkurra)**
Mercenaries and Foreigners II
- 26. Filip Schneider (Independent, Slovakia)**
The Hungarian participation at the Battle of Myriokephalon
- 27. Katerina B. Korre (University of Patras, Greece)**
“Turcópuli”, a medieval mercenary unit: initial layout of a study in the longue durée
- 13:20 - 15:00** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 15:00 - 16:20** **Panel 7A (Salis Medrese)**
Weapons
- 28. Patryk Skupniewicz and Katarzyna Maksymiuk (Siedlce University of Natural Sciences and Humanities, Poland)**
“Procopean” shield – a unique military design?
- 29. Łukasz Różycki (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)**
Tribolos: theory and practice of use
- 30. Raffaele D’Amato (Laboratory of the Danubian provinces of the Roman Empire, Italy)**
A new sarcophagus of an “Emperor’s protector” from north-western Anatolia: An analysis of the depicted military equipment

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**Panel 7B (Darülkurra)
Strategy and Tactics**

31. Ioannis Sarantidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)

Byzantine tactics during the battle of Brindisi (1156)

32. Husamettin Simsir (University of Notre Dame, USA)

An Ottoman infantry revolution? Influence of the Battle of Pelekanon (1329) on the development of infantry-based Ottoman military formations

33. Andrei Pogăciaș (Independent, Romania)

Raids south of the Danube by Romanian rulers of Wallachia against the Ottomans between the 14th and 16th centuries

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COFFEE BREAK

16:40 - 18:00

**Panel 8 (Salis Medrese)
Military Organization and Leadership**

34. Dimitrios Markakis (University of Ioannina, Greece)

The campaign of 1200 against the Bulgarian rebel Ivanki as a case study for the Byzantine army in the late 12th century

35. Athanasios Tzimas (University of Ioannina, Greece)

The campaigns of the emperor Andronikos III Palaiologos against the Bulgarian Tsardom in the 1320s: some notes on warfare and strategy in Late Byzantium

36. Athanasios Grammenos (University of Piraeus, Greece)

The enemy at the gate: The role of Paleologian leadership in the fall of Constantinople (1425-1453)

37. Efstratia (Effie) Sygkellou (University of Ioannina, Greece)

Theoretical approaches to defence and the Byzantine army in the 15th century: the case of Cardinal Bessarion

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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*The lessons of history are never clear.
Clio is like the Delphic oracle:
it is only in retrospect, and usually too late, that
we understand what she was trying to say.*

Sir Michael Howard

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