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(Post)Byzantine Worlds

Contested Legacies Between East and West

Conference Organization

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Conference Programme

29.10.2025

15:15 Welcome Speech

Prof. Dr. Ricarda Vulpius

15:30 Introduction by the Organizers

Dr. Vitalij Fastovskij, Dr. Nicholas Melvani, Egor Gvozdev

16.00 – 18.00 Panel 1: Negotiating Legitimacy and Power

Dr. Darius Baronas: Metropolitan Isidore of Kyiv and his Adventures in Lithuania: From Total Rejection to Partial Admission

Anastasiia Ermolaeva: Invoking the Byzantine Legacy? Dynastic Legitimation of Moscow's Rulers (Late 15th–16th Centuries)

Dr. Nicholas Melvani: Imperial Constantinople and the Holy Roman Empire in the 16th Century

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ricarda Vulpius

18:00 Dinner

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09.00 – 11.00 Panel 2: Politics of History

Prof. Dr. Jan Kusber: The Road to Byzantium? Byzantium as a Trope in the Geopolitical Thinking of Russian Rulers from Catherine II to Nicholas I.

Dr. Aleksei Kamenskikh: Eidetic Byzantium in Russian Political Imagination in the Age of the Two Alexanders

Dr. Vitalij Fastovskij: Decentering the West? Critique of Western Historiography in the Works of Russian Byzantinists

Chair: Prof. Dr. Thomas Bohn

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.30 Panel 3: Circulation of Knowledge

Egor Gvozdev: Slavic Translations of Patriarch Philotheus Kokkinos' Hymnography in the Making of Muscovite Political Theology (14th–16th Centuries)

Prof. Dr. Dimitris Stamatopoulos: Time and identity in the Book of the Kings of Kaisareios Dapontes (middle of the 18th Century)

Dr. Umit Eser: Contesting Legacies: Byzantine Histories in Late Ottoman Historiography

Chair: Prof. Dr. Michael Grünbart

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Panel 4: Byzantium in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Dr. Michael Hagemeister: “The Third Rome” as “Katechon”: Neo-Byzantinism in Post-Soviet Russia

Prof. Dr. Stefan Albrecht: Emil Filla and Byzantium

Chair: Prof. Dr. Johannes Pahlitzsch

16.00 – 17.00 Final Discussion

17.00 – 18.00 Informal Dinner

Participating Institutions:

Department of East European History, University of Münster (Prof. Dr. Ricarda Vulpius), Chair of Eastern European History, University of Mainz (Prof. Dr. Jan Kusber), Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Münster (Prof. Dr. Michael Grünbart), Chair of Byzantine Studies, University of Mainz (Prof. Dr. Johannes Pahlitzsch), Centre for Empire Studies: (Post)colonial Histories and Global Entanglements (CES), Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”

