

conference programme

Saturday, March 4th
Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte,
Konferenzraum

HEIRS, EMPIRES, NATIONS –
»BYZANTIUM« AS AN ARGUMENT
FOR NATION-BUILDERS

9.00
Lora Gerd (Saint Petersburg)
*Russian Imperial Policy in the Orthodox
East and Its Relation to Byzantine Studies*

9.45
Andrii Domanovskiy (Kharkiv)
*The Perception of Byzantium in the
Context of Modern Ukrainian Nation
Building (Second Half of the 18th to Early
20th Century): from Hryhorii Skovoroda
through Taras Shevchenko to Mykhailo
Hrushevsky*

 **10.30–11.00**
COFFEE BREAK

11.00
Andreas Gietzen (Mainz)
*Bad Byzantines – A Historical Narrative
in the Liberal Conception of Vladimir
Jovanović*

11.45
Stefan Rohdewald (Gießen)
*Byzantine »Slavery« as Postcolonial
Imagination: »Foreign« Rulers of a
»Pure« Bulgarian Nation (1850–1930)*

12.30
CONCLUDING DISCUSSION
Vaios Kalogrias (Mainz)

13.00
FAREWELL



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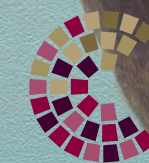
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Imagining Byzantium

Perception, Patterns, Problems
in Eastern and Southeastern
Europe (19th–20th Centuries)

International Conference
Mainz, March 2–4, 2017



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During the rise of national movements in Europe, debates arose about history and the respective historical narratives, which aimed at establishing new political orders. At the same time the meaning and significance of the Byzantine millennium was discussed as a possible reference point for imagining

and constructing new collective and national identities. Our research group »The Legacies of Byzantium« investigates the impact and reception of Byzantine history and culture in 19th and 20th century Europe and its usage as an argument. The focus of the conference lies on Eastern and Southeastern Europe as a political, cultural and religious bridge between Orient and Occident. Therefore, we would like to discuss in which way scientific, ecclesiastical and political elites dealt with (pseudo-)Byzantine items, narratives, and paradigms in various contexts in order to strengthen their own identity, to stage or legitimize their power as well as to justify certain political strategies.

Thursday, March 2nd

Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum,
Vortragssaal im Kurfürstlichen Schloss

17.30

Registration

18.00

Opening Address

Hans-Christian Maner (Mainz)

18.15

Evening Lecture

Günter Prinzing (Mainz)

Byzantium, the Rus' and the So Called »Family of Rulers«

RECEPTION

Friday, March 3rd

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9.00

Jan Kusber (Mainz)

Imagining Byzantium: an Introduction

HISTORY AND HISTORIES – BYZANTINE
ELEMENTS IN HISTORIOGRAPHICAL
NARRATIVES AND DISCOURSES

9.15

Hans-Christian Maner (Mainz)

»Byzance après Byzance« – Nicolae Iorga's Concept and Its Aftermath

10.00

Milena Repajić (Belgrade)

George Ostrogorsky's Perception of History and Byzantium in Serbian »National« Historiography: Between Otherness and Orthodoxy



10.45–11.15
COFFEE BREAK

11.15

Dimitrios Stamatopoulos (Thessaloniki)
The Western Byzantium of Konstantinos Paparrigopoulos

12.00

Przemysław Marciniak (Katowice)
Oriental and Exotic - Constructions of Byzantinism in the 19th Century Historiography



12.45–14.00
LUNCH

DEFENCE OR DECADENCE? –
RECEPTION OF BYZANTIUM WITHIN
ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORIOGRAPHY

14.00

Kirill Maksimović (Frankfurt/Main)
Collection of Byzantine Canon Law (»Kniga pravil«, 1839) as a Legal Basis of the Russian Orthodox Church of the 19th-20th Centuries: Paradoxes, Problems and Perspectives

14.45

Alena Alshanskaya (Mainz)
The Reception of »Byzantium« in the Russian Church Historiography at the Late Imperial Period



15.30–16.00
COFFEE BREAK

16.00

Dimitrios Moschos (Athens)
Approaching the Byzantine Past in the Historical Work of Dositheos of Jerusalem and Meletios of Athens

16.45

Christina Hadjiafxenti (Mainz)
Byzantium in the Greek Church Historiography of the 19th Century: Between German Protestant Influence and Greek Orthodox Confession

17.30–17.45
SMALL BREAK

17.45

Mihai-D. Grigore (Mainz)
Byzantium for Priests. Image of Byzantium in Romanian Theological Schoolbooks of the Late 20th Century



19.00
DINNER

