

# Seasides of Byzantium

## Harbours and anchorages of a Mediterranean Empire

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## PROGRAMME

### **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May: Opening and keynotes**

18:00-18:30 Welcome and greetings by Dir. Prof. Taxiarchis Kolias (NHRF-IHR Athens) and Dir. Gen. Prof. Falko Daim (RGZM Mainz)

18:30-19:00 Anna Lambropoulou (Athens), *Η πρόσληψη της θάλασσας και της θαλάσσιας επικοινωνίας στην Μεσόγειο (4ος-12ος αι.): Η αγιολογική μαρτυρία (The perception of the sea and of maritime communication in the Mediterranean, 4th-12th c.: the hagiographic evidence)*

19:00-19:30 Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Vienna-Mainz), *Ports, bones, pollen and pottery. Harbours of the Byzantine world as sources of environmental history and global connectivity*

**19:30 Reception at the Atrium of the National Hellenic Research Foundation**

### **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of May**

#### **Session I: Varieties of archaeological evidence**

Chair: Georg Ladstätter (Athens)

09:30-09:50 Aikaterini Dellaporta (Athens), *Archaeological and iconographic evidence for maritime activities of the Byzantine era*

09:50-10:10 Jean-Philippe Goiran (Lyon), *Sedimentary archives and ancient texts: Evaluating the contribution of the geological approach to the study of ancient harbours*

10:10-10:30 Joanita Vroom (Leiden), *The Archaeology of Byzantine Harbours in Action: From their products to maritime trading networks*

10:30-11:00 Discussion

**11:00-11:30 Coffee break**

#### **Session II: Maritime spaces and place-making**

Chair: Platon Petridis (Athens)

11:30-11:50 Myrto Veikou (Uppsala), *Telling the Sea, from the Land: Coastal Place-making in Byzantine Literary Texts*

11:50-12:10 Eleonora Kountoura-Galaki (Athens), *A light in the darkness: monastery "lighthouses" in the Aegean Sea and surrounding coastal regions*

12:10-12:30 Max Ritter (Mainz), *Naval bases, arsenals, aplekta: functional and operational segregations of Byzantine ports (6th-12th c.)*

12:30-13:00 Discussion

**13:00-15:30 Lunch break at one's own disposal; 15:30-16:00 Coffee break**



### **Session III: Administration, trade and harbours from the Early Byzantine to the Post-Byzantine period**

Chair: Vassiliki Penna (Kalamata)

16:00-16:20 Efi Ragia (Athens), *Administrative changes in the seas of Byzantium, 7th-8th centuries. A historical-geographical approach*

16:20-16:40 Maria Gerolymatou (Athens), *Ἐμπορεῖον μετὰ πλοίων καὶ φούνδακος. The role of the aristocracy in building harbours (10th-12th century)*

16:40-17:00 Aikaterini Dellaporta (Athens) and Flora Karagianni (Thessalonike), *Depictions of the Byzantine harbours of Constantinople in early maps and engravings*

17:00-17:30 Discussion

### **19:30 Reception in the Austrian Archaeological Institute**

#### **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> of May**

### **Session IV: Harbours of the Aegean, part I**

Chair: Petros Themelis (Athens)

09:00-09:20 Sophia Akrivopoulou (Thessalonike), *The Hellenistic Harbour of Thessaloniki and the Ekklesiastikē Skala*

09:20-09:40 Thomas Schmidts (Mainz), *Ainos and beyond – Harbour cities in southern Thrace in early Byzantine times*

09:40-10:00 Horacio González Cesteros – Sabine Ladstätter (Vienna–Athens), *Harbours and Commerce in Byzantine Ephesus*

10:00-10:30 Discussion

### **10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

### **Session V: Harbours of the Aegean, part II**

Chair: Anastasia Yangaki (Athens)

11:00-11:20 Marina Papadimitriou (Athens), *The harbour of Piraeus in Late Antiquity. New archaeological evidence*

11:20-11:40 Alkiviadis Ginalis (Bremen), *Reassessing the harbour of Anthedon*

11:40-12:00 Konstantia Kephala (Rhodes), *Haven Waiting. Patmos Before the Blessed Christodoulos*

12:00-12:20 Katerina Manoussou-Della (Rhodes), *Byzantine Rhodes. The evolution of a fortified harbour-city in the Eastern Mediterranean, 4th-12th c.*

12:20-12:50 Discussion

**12:50-16:00 Lunch break at one's own disposal**

### **Session VI: The Adriatic and the Black Sea**

Chair: Falko Daim (Mainz)

16:00-16:20 Dominik Heher (Mainz-Vienna), *Dyrrhachion / Durrës – an Adriatic Sea Gateway between East and West*

16:20-16:40 Dimitar Dimitrov (Plovdiv), *Sozopol Harbour in the Middle Ages*

16:40-17:00 Grigori Simeonov (Mainz-Vienna), *The Region of the Danube Delta in the 7th–10th Centuries and the case of the so called Lykostomion Maritime Province*

17:00-17:30 Discussion

**17:30-18:00 Coffee break**

### **Session VII: Harbours of the Peloponnese**

Chair: Timothy Gregory (Ohio)

18:00-18:20 Ilias Anagnostakis (Athens), *Ένα σημαντικό ορμητήριο χωρίς λιμάνι; Αναζητώντας στις πηγές το βυζαντινό λιμάνι στη Μεθώνη της Πελοποννήσου (Methoni in Peloponnesos: a naval base without harbour? In search of the Byzantine port in historical sources)*

18:20-18:40 Dimitrios Athanasoulis (Athens), *The Churches of the Leonides' Basilica. An Evidence of the Diachronic Operation of the Lechaion Harbour (Corinth) from Late Antiquity to Late Byzantine Era*

18:40-19:00 Maria Leontsini, Eleni Manolessou and Angeliki Panopoulou (Athens), *Harbours and anchorages in Corinthia and Argolis (Northeastern Peloponnese) from the Early to the Middle Byzantine period*

**19:00-19:30 Discussion**

**19:30-20:00 Concluding Remarks by Dir. Gen. Prof. Falko Daim (Mainz) and by Prof. Taxiarchis Kolias (Athens)**

**Evening at one's own disposal**