

MAINZ-PRINCETON SYMPOSIA

**Reflections on Byzantium from a Global Perspective II:
Byzantium and the Islamicate World**

A Mainz History Talks conference organized by
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under the auspices of the
Gutenberg International Conference Center,
in cooperation with the
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

June 28 – June 30, 2023

Wed, June 28

8.00-9.30 Arrival, registration and breakfast

9.30-11.00

Introductory remarks

Hugh Kennedy: The Cavalry Turn in Early Islamic Warfare and Its Wider Consequences

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30

Robert Hoyland: The Translation of Non-Scientific Texts between Greek and Arabic and
Their Circulation in the Byzantine and Islamic Worlds in the Ninth and Tenth
Centuries

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00

Alice Croq: Common representations of the afterlife in Byzantium and the Near East
between literary genre, textual transmission and theological debates

Christian Sahner: The Maronites in the Early Middle Ages: “Byzance après Byzance” or an
“Islamic Church”?

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.30

Alexandra Cuffel: Legalists’ Quandary: Muslims Seeking Baptism in Byzantium, Armenia
and the Levant

ca. 19.00 Conference Dinner
(at Sabine Schmidtke’s)

Thu, June 29

9.00-11.00

Daniella Talmon-Heller: Incorporating Byzantine Traditions into the Comparative Study of Aural and Material Aspects of Sacred Scriptures

Christopher MacEvitt: A View from the Edge: Byzantium in Frankish and Armenian Eyes

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30- 12.30

Dorothea Weltecke: Questions for the Byzantinists: Observations from the Perspective of the History of the Syrian Orthodox Church

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00

Johannes Pahlitzsch: Space and Orthodox Christianity: "Byzantium beyond Byzantium"

15.00-16.30 Afternoon Tea in Fuld Hall

16.30-17.30

Thomas Carlson: Distorting Mirrors and Diversity Management: Comparing Byzantine and Muslim Rulers' Policies, c. 950-1450

Dinner in Princeton

(not covered by the organizers)

Fri, June 30

9.30-11.30

Zachary Chitwood: Byzantium's Hagiorite Legacy, Mount Athos and the Medieval Middle East

Christopher Markiewicz: Ottoman Byzantium circa 1500: The Ideological and Material Role of Byzantium in the Ottoman Imperial Project

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.00

Final remarks

12.00-13.30 Lunch