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International Conference

Re-evaluating the Eleventh Century: Movements, Connections, and Perspectives

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Location: University of Vienna Campus
Alte Kapelle (Hof 1)
Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna



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THE PROJECT

Investigating history often involves piecing together various findings and data into reconstructions of the past. While a variety of data exist, it is often not possible to come up with a single undisputed narrative about historical events due to different perspectives and contexts. The EU-funded RELEVEN project seeks to address this challenge by developing a novel method of creating and using digital data to record assertions about historical events. It will do this by drawing on emerging multidisciplinary data and using a wide array of available resources to trace the authority of information regarding the Christian world in the eleventh century. The goal is to inform historians while providing unique historical insights and perspectives.



ABSTRACTS



DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

10:00–10:30 [ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION](#)

Alte Kapelle, Campus der Universität Wien

10:30–11:15 [WELCOME AND KEYNOTE LECTURE](#)

Tara Andrews | University of Vienna

Facts About Claims About Facts: Historical Data in the RELEVEN Project

COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00 [FIRST SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Georg Vogeler | University of Graz

Kevin Stadler and Lukas Plank | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Towards Declarative Linked Data Backends: Generating the RELEVEN Graph API from RDF Path Expressions

Elisabetta Magnanti | University of Vienna

Information-Theoretic Metrics for Networks of Historical Writing

LUNCH

14:00–15:30 [SECOND SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Christina Lutter | University of Vienna

Katalin Prajda | University of Vienna

Identities in Eleventh Century Venice

Cristina Andenna | Saarland University

Women in Power: Agency, Strategies, and Networks in Norman Italy

COFFEE BREAK

16:00–17:30 [THIRD SESSION:](#)

Chair and Respondent: Andy Hilken | University of Vienna

Ephrem A. Ishac | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Mapping Connections in Early Medieval Syriac Colophons

Lewis Read | University of Vienna

Armenian Legal and Fiscal Practice after Manzikert: The Case of a Colophon from (post) Byzantine Taron

DAY 2 THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

10:00–11:30 [FOURTH SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: James Baillie | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Habib Ibrahim | University of Tübingen

Towards a Fully Automated Greco-Arabic Dictionary of the Eleventh-Century Antiochian Translations

Sandro Nikolaishvili | University of Southern Denmark

From Constantinople to Gelati Monastery: The Survival of Ioannes Xiphilinos' Imperial Menologion

COFFEE BREAK

12:00–13:00 [FIFTH SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Baukje van den Berg | Central European University

Niels Gaul | University of Edinburgh

School and Regional Networks in Constantinople and Across the Empire during the Eleventh Century

LUNCH

14:30–16:00 [SIXTH SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Johannes Preiser-Kapeller | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Federico Alpi | Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII, Bologna; Università degli Studi di Firenze

Armenian Chalcedonian(s) in the Letters of Grigor Magistros Pahlawuni: An Overview

Aleksandar Anđelović | University of Vienna

Mapping a Mindset: The Hierarchy of Place and Cultural Space in the Letters of Michael Psellos

COFFEE BREAK

16:30–18:00 [SEVENTH SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Ekaterini Mitsiou | University of Vienna

Tia Kolbaba | Rutgers University

From Refutation to Ridicule: Changes in Anti-Heretical Literature in the Eleventh-Century East Roman Empire

Rustam Shukurov | Austrian Academy of Sciences

The Naturalisation of Muslims during the Byzantine Reconquista of the East and Especially in the Eleventh Century

19:30

CONFERENCE DINNER

DAY 3 FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

10:00–11:30 [EIGHTH SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Ivan Petrov | University of Vienna

Monica White | University of Nottingham

The Byzantine Building Blocks of the Eleventh-Century Rus Church: Pilgrims, Bishops, Icons and Relics

Christian Raffensperger | Wittenberg University

Kyivan Manuscript Illumination: At the Nexus of the Christian World

COFFEE BREAK

12:00–13:30 [NINTH SESSION](#)

Chair and Respondent: Daniel Ziemann | Central European University

Przemysław Wiszewski | University of Wrocław

Imperial Co-operator or Independent Ruler? Christian Political Ideas and Dialogue between Imperial and Polish Elites during the 11th Century

Márton Rózsa | University of Vienna

Interregional Movement and Power in the Eleventh Century: A Central European Context

13:30–14:00 CLOSING REMARKS