

14.00–15.00

POSTER SESSION

Presentation of the projects
of the doctoral students of the RTG

3RD SESSION

Dealing with the Consequences of War

15.00–16.30

Adam Izdebski (Jena)

*Environcide or Side-effect of Societal
Collapse? War-associated Environmental
Change in Byzantium*

Jim Crow (Edinburgh)

*Changing Landscapes of Fortification
in the Roman East 500-750*

16.30–16.45

COFFEE BREAK

16.45–18.15

Laury Sarti (Heidelberg)

*Experiencing the Fourth Crusade.
The Consequences of War from
the Perspective of the Eyewitnesses*

Markus Koller (Bochum)

*(Post)War Societies in the Early 15th Century -
Effects of Ottoman-Byzantine Struggles in the
Sign of the Ottoman 'Civil War' (1402-1413)*

Saturday, June 11th

4TH SESSION

Reception of Wars against Byzantium

9.00–10.30

Alice Sullivan (Tufts, Medford)

*Constructed Memories: The Sieges
of Constantinople after 1453*

Nicholas Melvani (Mainz)

*Landscapes of Victory in
16th-century Istanbul*

10.30–10.45

COFFEE BREAK

10.45–12.00

Roman Shliakhtin (RTG 2304 Mainz)

*Perception of the Fall of Constantinople
in the Muscovite Rhethoric in the 15th
and 16th Centuries*

Gwendolyn Döring (RTG Mainz)

*Byzantium in the Lime- or Twilight?
Images of Rulership and War on
the Italian Opera Stage (1650–1750)*

12.00–13.00

LUNCH

13.00–14.30

ROUND TABLE

*Byzantium and its Enemies –
Cultures of War in Transition*

Organized by Philipp Margreiter, Regina
Molitor, Michael Rapp (RTG Mainz)

With Gergely Csiky (Budapest),
Alexander Sarantis (Warsaw), Laury Sarti
(Heidelberg), Rustam Shukurov (Dushanbe),
Yannis Stouraitis (Edinburgh)

14.30

FINAL REMARKS

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War with Byzantium

Legitimation, Consequences
and Reception

9th–11th June 2022

International Conference
of the Research Training Group 2304

**Byzantium and
the Euro-Mediterranean
Cultures of War**

Organized by
Hans-Christian Maner,
Johannes Pahlitzsch,
Jörg Rogge,
Roman Shliakhtin
and Ute Verstegen



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The conference will focus on war with Byzantium, the Eastern Roman empire, from an external perspective. It will cover four thematic areas: first, the legitimation of wars against Byzantium including e.g. the question of how the empire's opponents constructed a hostile image of Byzantium. How did Byzantium's enemies describe war with the empire on a religious and ideological level? Second, we will examine the concrete ways in which wars with Byzantium were waged and what kind of infrastructure was necessary for such undertakings. Frontier regions and their protection played an important role in this context.

The third thematic area will focus on the consequences of war both for the environment and for the population, such as captivity, enslavement or forced conversion. Which strategies did people employ to cope with these experiences?

Last but not least, we will investigate the reception of wars against Byzantium, regardless of whether they ended in victory or defeat, in post-Byzantine times.

Location

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz,
Alte Mensa / Atrium Maximum

Information and registration

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Thursday, June 9th

14.00

INTRODUCTION

Johannes Pahlitzsch

1ST SESSION

*The Eastern Roman Empire as Enemy,
Legitimations of War against Byzantium*

14.30–16.00

Hansjoachim Andres (Düsseldorf)

*The Relativity of 'World Domination'. Approaching
Sasanian and Roman Claims to Power*

Clemens Gantner (Vienna)

*An Alliance Turned Tragically Wrong: Louis II of
Italy's Conflict with Byzantium in 873 and the
Development of the Relations During the Great
Southern War, 866-874*

16.00–16.30

COFFEE BREAK

16.30–18.00

Andrea Riedl (Regensburg)

*Christians against Christians. Contemporary
Theological Implications in Justifying the Sack
of Constantinople (1204)*

Bart Peters (RTG 2304 Mainz)

*Salerno Facing an Empire: The Battle of Basintello
against Byzantium According to the Chronicon
Salernitanum.*

19.00

EVENING LECTURE



19.00

EVENING LECTURE

Diana Mishkova (Sofia)

*Byzantium against Byzantium: Narratives of
Empire in the Historiographies of Southeastern
Europe*

RECEPTION

Friday, June 10th

2ND SESSION

*How to Lead a War against Byzantium:
Infrastructure, Logistics, Fortification*

9.30–11.00

Alexander Sarantis (Warsaw)

*Differentiating the Impact of Barbarian Raiding
and Migration in the Balkans, 565-750*

Hugh Kennedy (London)

*Was There a Cavalry Revolution
in Islamic Armies in the Ninth Century?*

11.00–11.15

COFFEE BREAK

11.15–12.30

Dimitri Korobeinikov (Albany)

*The War: Aristocratic Families on Both Sides of
the Byzantine-Arab and Byzantine Seljuk Border
from the 11th to the 13th Century*

Philipp Margreiter (RTG 2304 Mainz)

*Building and Financing Fortifications in Byzantine
North Africa. Reconsidering the Epigraphic and
Archaeological Evidence*