
3rd International Conference on the Military History of the Mediterranean Sea

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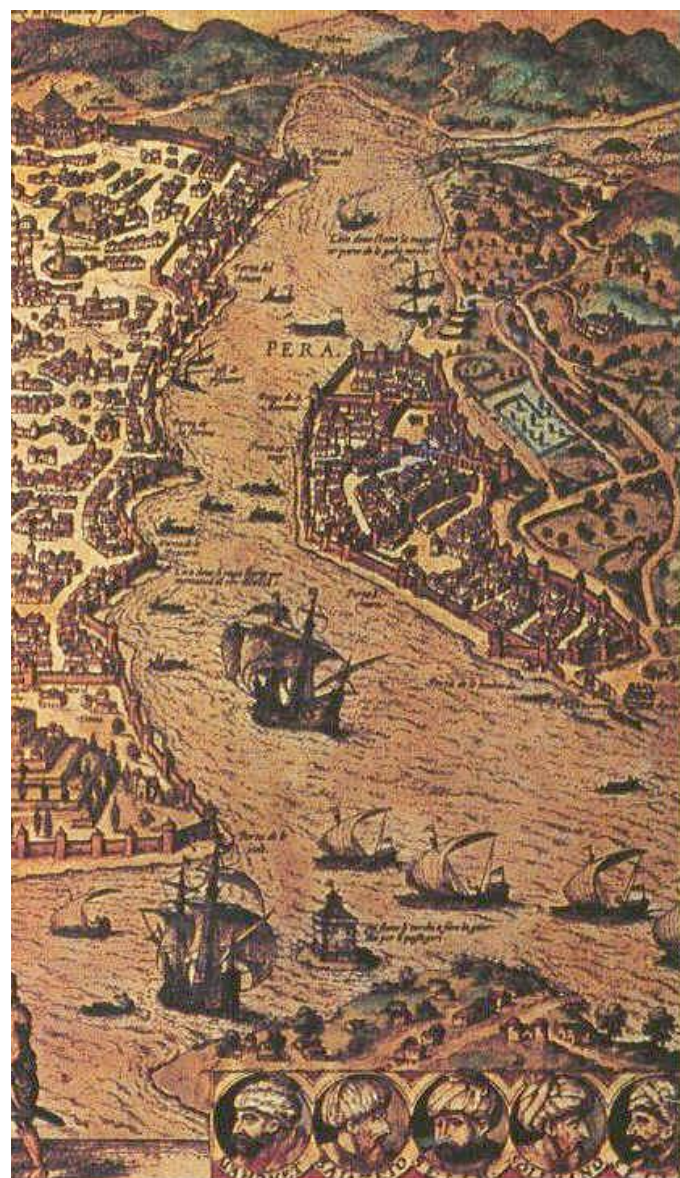
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The lessons of history are never clear. Clio is like the Delphic oracle: it is only in retrospect, and usually too late, that we understand what she was trying to say.

Sir Michael Howard

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, 26 June

17:00 - : Registration

18:00 – 19:00: Welcoming remarks

19:00 – 19:45: First keynote talk

Kelly DeVries (Loyola University Maryland, USA) - *The Medieval Sieges of Thessaloniki.*

20:00: Reception

Tuesday, 27 June

09:00 – 09:45: Second keynote talk

John D. Hosler (Command and General Staff College, USA) - *Eastern Mediterranean Warfare: the Jerusalem Experience, 7th-13th centuries.*

10:00 – 11:20: Panel 1

Warfare in the Western Mediterranean

Chair: Georgios Theotokis

1. Saim Anıl Karzek (Bilkent University, Turkey) - *Donanma-i Hümâyûn Domination: The Battle of Djerba and Its Implications in the Western Mediterranean.*


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2. Abdelaziz Boukenna (University of Algiers, Algeria) - *Naval warfare hostilities on the Western Mediterranean Sea, between Spanish, Hospitallers, Algerians and Ottomans from 1510 to 1554.*
 3. Allon Klebanoff (The Centre for Western Studies, Israel) - *From Lepanto to the Armada: Mediterranean vs. Atlantic Naval Warfare tactics in time of change.*

11:20 – 12:00: COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:20: Panel 2

Financing, logistics and politics

Chair: Wayne H. Bowen


4. Pablo Sanahuja Ferrer (Real Colegio Complutense - Harvard University, USA) - *A kingdom unable to defend itself. Military mobilization in the kingdom of Valencia (XIV century): financing, logistics and politics as determinants.*
5.  Jacopo Pessina (University of Pisa, Italy) - *Rethinking the Tuscan Armies in the Italian Wars, 1494-1559.*
6. Yusuf Ziya Karabıçak (Mainz University, Germany) - *A Ceremonial Army? The March of the Ottoman Army to the Russian Front in 1769.*

13:20 – 15:00: LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 16:20: Panel 3A

War, diplomacy and geo-politics I

Chair: Taxiarchis G. Kolias

7. Angeliki Delikari, Eleni Giantsi (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece) - *Byzantine political ideology and the incompatibility of the wars against Byzantium by its ‘intellectual children’ - The case of the Bulgarian ruler Simeon.*
8.  Boris Stojkovski (University of Novi Sad, Serbia) - *Adversaries, subjects and allies. Byzantium, Hungary, and Serbia in the 12th century.*
9. Yanko Hristov (South-West University “Neofit Rilski”, Bulgaria) - *The treatment of the defeated: some early medieval Bulgarian peculiarities and their contemporary Mediterranean parallels.*

15:00 – 16:20: Panel 3B

Siege operations

Chair: Panos Sophoulis


10. Alexandru Madgearu (Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Romania) - *The siege of Constantinople in 515.*
11. Grigori Simeonov (Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik, Austria) - *War and Nature. Tracing the Impact of Environment on the Sieges of Constantinople.*
12. Dimitrios Sidiropoulos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece) - *Besieging Chandax. Some considerations on the Byzantine efforts to eliminate the Cretan threat.*

16:20 – 17:00: COFFEE BREAK

17:00 – 18:20: Panel 4A

War, diplomacy and geo-politics II

Chair: John D. Hosler

13. Wayne H. Bowen (University of Central Florida, USA) - *Uneasy Allies: The Knights of Malta and the Spanish Habsburgs, 1530-1701.*
14. Marta Cristina Oria de Rueda Molins (École Normale Supérieure in Lyon, France) - *A strategical prolepsis: the assaults of Famagusta and Nicosia in the Spanish epic poetry.*
15.  Konstantinos Karatolios (University of Crete, Greece) - *Imperial Military Education in the Eve of the Macedonian Dynasty, Basil I and Leo VI.*

17:00 – 18:20: Panel 4B

Fortifications

Chair: Łukasz Różycki

16. Michael Livingston (The Citadel, USA) - *Byzantine Thermopylae: Invasions and Fortifications.*
17. Kiril Marinow (University of Lodz, Poland) - *Passages, fortifications, inhabitants: the Bulgarian mountains during the war with Kometopouloi according to Byzantine sources.*
18. Georgios Michailidis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) - *The imperial and private fortification activities during Andronikos III Palaiologos' reign (1328-1341). Defending the empire and personal interests in Macedonia and Thrace.*

Wednesday, 28 June


09:00 – 09:45: Third keynote talk

Taxiarchis G. Kolias (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) – *Some thoughts on the aftermath of war conflicts: the case of Byzantium*

10:00 – 11:20: Panel 5

Mercenaries and foreigners I

Chair: Dimitrios Sidiropoulos


19. Panos Sophoulis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) - *Soldiery and brigandage: Some evidence from the late medieval Balkans.*
20. Ioannis-Marios Tsatas (University of Ioannina, Greece) - *Alan mercenaries in Late Byzantium: An overlooked ally?*
21.  Phoebe-Irene Georgiadi (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) - *Andronikos II and the Catalans.*

11:20 – 12:00: COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:20: Panel 6A

Reconsidering the evidence

Chair: Kelly DeVries

22.  Christos G. Makrypoulias (Independent, Greece) - *Some observations on the oarage system of Middle Byzantine warships.*
23. Marek Meško (University of Hradec Králové, The Czech Republic) - *The chronology of the transition from δρουγγάριος τῶν πλοΐμων to μέγας δοῦξ τοῦ στόλου under Alexios I Komnenos. A reassessment.*
24.  Christopher Lillington-Martin (University of Barcelona, Spain) – *The Battle of Dara, 530.*

12:00 – 13:30: Panel 6B

Mercenaries and foreigners II

Chair: Efstratia (Effie) Sygkellou


25. Filip Schneider (Independent, Slovakia) - *The Hungarian Participation at the Battle of Myriokephalon.*
26. Katerina B. Korre (University of Patras, Greece) - *“Turcópuli”, a medieval mercenary unit: initial layout of a study in the longue durée.*

13:20 – 15:00: LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 16:20: Panel 7A

Weapons

Chair: Halil Berktay

27. Łukasz Różycki (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland) - *Tribolos - theory, and practice of use.*
28.  Raffaele D’Amato (Laboratory of the Danubian provinces of the Roman Empire, Italy) - *A new sarcophagus of an “Emperor’s protector” from north-western Anatolia – An analysis of the depicted military equipment.*

15:00 – 16:20: Panel 7B

Strategy and tactics

Chair: Dimitrios Sidiropoulos


29. Ioannis Sarantidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece) - *Byzantine tactics during the battle of Brindisi (1156).*
30. Husamettin Simsir (University of Notre Dame, USA) - *An Ottoman Infantry Revolution? Influence of the Battle of Pelekanon (1329) on the Development of the Infantry-based Ottoman Military Formations.*
31. Andrei Pogăciaș (Independent, Romania) - *The raids south of the Danube by Romanian rulers of Wallachia against the Ottomans between the 14th and 16th centuries.*

16:20 – 16:40: COFFEE BREAK

16:40 – 18:00: Panel 8

Military organization and leadership

Chair: Angeliki Delikari

32. Dimitrios Markakis (University of Ioannina, Greece) – *The campaign of 1200 against the Bulgarian rebel Ivanki as a case study for the Byzantine army in the late 12th century.*
33. Athanasios Tzimas (University of Ioannina, Greece) – *The campaigns of the emperor Andronikos III Palaiologos against the Bulgarian Tsardom in the 1320s: some notes on warfare and strategy in late Byzantium.*
34.  Athanasios Grammenos (University of Piraeus, Greece) - *Enemy at the gate: The role of Paleologus' leadership in the fall of Constantinople (1425-1453).*
35. Efstratia (Effie) Sygkellou (University of Ioannina, Greece) - *Theoretical approaches to defense and the Byzantine army in the 15th century: the case of Cardinal Bessarion.*

CONCLUDING REMARKS