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Byzantine historiography owes largely to Professor Paul Magdalino. He is known mainly for his monograph on Manuel I Komnenos and his reign, winner of the 1993 Runciman Award, in which he refuted the negative view that Niketas Choniates expressed on this king and his era. Paul Magdalino has also published extensively on Constantinople and on aspects of religion, science and the occult in Byzantium, evidenced by the over ten collective volumes edited by him, some with the help of worthy collaborators, and his fifty contributions to books and collected studies' volumes.

His numerous papers focus on Byzantine authors and their works, the social ideals of the aristocracy, institutional aspects of Byzantium, but also on art, seen mainly through literary descriptions.

His diverse interests, as he admits, derived partly from his early engagement with late byzantine Thessaly, when the principalities of the region were seeking connections with other provincial power centers, as well as with the capital Constantinople after the dissolution of the old mighty empire. Indeed, Paul Magdalino's Ph.D. thesis, titled *The History of Thessaly (1266-1393)*, written and defended at the University of Oxford in 1976, and his study titled "Between Romaniae: Thessaly and Epirus in the Later Middle Ages", published in the *Mediterranean Historical Review* 4/1 (1989), pp. 87-110, have since become essential tools for any scholar who studies Thessaly and Epirus in the period before the Ottoman conquest.

For these reasons, the international conference on "Byzantine Thessaly, Twelfth – Fourteenth Centuries" pays tribute to Paul Magdalino. The Conference, both in person and online, will be hosted by the Diachronic Museum of Larissa in 21-22 October 2023.

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Η Βυζαντινή ιστοριογραφία οφείλει πολλά στον καθηγητή **Paul Magdalino**. Γνωστός κυρίως για τη μονογραφία του σχετικά με τον Μανουήλ Α΄ Κομνηνό και τη βασιλεία του, κέρδισε το 1993 το Βραβείο Runciman, στο οποίο αντέκρουσε την αρνητική άποψη που είχε εκφράσει ο Νικήτας Χωνιάτης για τον αυτοκράτορα αυτόν και τη βασιλεία του.

Ο Paul Magdalino έχει πραγματοποιήσει επίσης πολλές δημοσιεύσεις για την Κωνσταντινούπολη και ερεύνησε επίσης όψεις της θρησκείας, επιστήμης και λατρείας στο Βυζάντιο, όπως φαίνεται στους περισσότερους από δέκα συλλογικούς τόμους που εκδόθηκαν από τον ίδιο, μερικοί με τη βοήθεια αξίων συνεργατών, καθώς και στις πενήντα συμβολές του σε βιβλία και συλλογικούς τόμους.

Τα αναρίθμητα άρθρα του εστιάζουν στους βυζαντινούς συγγραφείς και τα έργα τους, τα κοινωνικά ιδεώδη της αριστοκρατίας, απόψεις για τους θεσμούς στο Βυζάντιο αλλά επίσης και για την τέχνη, κυρίως μέσα από λογοτεχνικές περιγραφές. Τα διαφορετικά ενδιαφέροντά του, προήλθαν, όπως παραδέχεται ο ίδιος, από την αρχική ενασχόλησή του με την ύστερη Βυζαντινή Θεσσαλία, όταν οι επικεφαλής της περιοχής αναζητούσαν συνδέσεις με τα άλλα επαρχιακά κέντρα ισχύος, καθώς επίσης και με την πρωτεύουσα Κωνσταντινούπολη, μετά τη διάλυση της παλιάς κραταιής αυτοκρατορίας.

Πράγματι, η διατριβή του *The History of Thessaly (1266-1393)* που γράφθηκε και υποστηρίχθηκε στο Πανεπιστήμιο της Οξφόρδης το 1976 και η μελέτη του με τίτλο *Between Romaniae: Thessaly and Epirus in the Later Middle Ages*, που δημοσιεύθηκε στο *Mediterranean Historical Review* 4/1, 1989, σ.87-110, έχουν από τότε αποτελέσει βασικά εργαλεία για κάθε ερευνητή που μελετά τη Θεσσαλία και την Ηπειρο πριν την οθωμανική κυριαρχία.

Για τους λόγους αυτούς, το συνέδριο «Βυζαντινή Θεσσαλία, Δωδέκατος έως Δέκατος τέταρτος αιώνας» απονέμει τιμή στον καθηγητή Paul Magdalino.

Το συνέδριο θα πραγματοποιηθεί στο Διαχρονικό Μουσείο Λάρισας, τόσο με φυσική παρουσία όσο και διαδικτυακά, στις 21-22 Οκτωβρίου 2023.

PROGRAM

DAY 1 Saturday, 21 October 2023

10.00-10.20 Welcoming Remarks (The Organizing Committee)

1st SESSION - HISTORY OF THESSALY FROM 12th TO THE END OF 14th C.

Chair: RAGIA Efi

10.20-10.35 **KATSAROS Vasileios**, Great and "Small" Vlachia

10.35-10.50 **PIRIVATRIĆ Srdjan**, Angeloi of Thessaly and Nemanjić of Serbia. Ephemeral alliance and hostility in the context of the Late 13th century Byzantine World

10.50-11.05 **SAVVIDES Alexios**, Late medieval Central Greece in turmoil (13th-15th centuries): the peculiarities of the Thessalian "state"

11.05-11.20 **OSSWALD Brendan**, Thessaly and Epirus (13th-15th c.): an overview

11.20-11.40 Discussion

11.40-11.55 Break

2nd SESSION - HISTORY OF THESSALY FROM 12th TO THE END OF 14th C.

ASPECTS OF PROSOPOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL LIFE

Chair: SIMPSON, Alicia

11.55-12.10 **RAGIA Efi**, An unknown megas domestikos in the late 13th century: Theodore Angelos

12.10-12.25 **GOULOULIS Stavros**, The Latin-speaking People of Thessaly and the Honour of Saint Achillios (10th-14th Century): A diachronical Policy of external Pressure against Byzantium?

12.25-12.40 **LAITSOS Stergios**, The Vlachs of western Thessaly based on late Byzantine documents and early Ottoman tax lists

12.40-12.55 **AGORITSAS Dimitris**, Monasteries, Society and Economy in Late Byzantine Thessaly (14thc.): The case of the Zavlantia Monastery

12.55-13.15 Questions- Discussion

13.15- 13.30 **KARAGIORGOU Olga**, Byzantine "fingerprints" from Thessaly

13.30- 13.45 **MALATRAS Christos**, Social structures and expressions social identity through the archival sources of Late Byzantine Thessaly

13.45-14.00 **TEREZAKIS George**, Women of Medieval Thessaly

14.00-14.15 Questions- Discussion

14.15- 17.00 Lunch break

3rd SESSION - ARCHAEOLOGY IN LATE MEDIEVAL THESSALY. CONNECTIVITIES AND FORTIFICATIONS

Chair: LIAKOS, Dimitris

17.00-17.15 **GINALIS Alkiviadis**, Byzantine Thessaly and its Gates for the Provincial Organisation of Maritime Connectivity

17.15-17.30 **GIALOURI Anna**, The Late Byzantine Fortifications of Thessaly

17.30-17.45 **ANDROUDIS Paschalis, KONSTANTINIDOU Eleftheria**, The Castle of "Oria" in the Valley of Tempi

17.45-18.00 **PAPANASTASOULI Grammato**, The Byzantine Castle of Elassona. New evidence and remarks

18.00-18.20 Questions- Discussion

18.20-18.35 Break

4th SESSION – ARCHAEOLOGY IN THESSALY- SETTLEMENTS (12th-14th c.)

Chair: SDROLIA, Stavroula

- 18.35-18.50 **DONATO Eugenio, SDROLIA Stavroula, KARAPANOU Sophia, CAMPAGNA Lorenzo, VENUTI Marta, NOULA Vassiliki**, Skotoussa during the Byzantine Age. Some reflections on the nature of the settlement
- 18.50-19.05 **ANASTASIADOU Archontoula**, The Byzantine Settlement at Lephokastron, Pelion, and its Pottery
- 19.05- 19.20 **VLACHAKI Maria**, A byzantine cemetery at the junction of L. Mavili and P. Nirvana streets in Larissa
- 19.20- 19.40 Questions- Discussion
- 19.40- 20.10 CEREMONY IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR PAUL MAGDALINO
- 20.10 END OF THE FIRST DAY

DAY 2 Sunday, 22 October 2023

5th SESSION – LATE BYZANTINE ARCHITECTURE AND SCULPTURE IN THESSALY

Chair: VARALIS Yannis

- 9.30-9.45 **TRICHIA Maria**, Late Byzantine church architecture in western Thessaly. An overview
- 9.45-10.00 **MANTZANA Kristallia**, Monuments of the Komnenian and Palaiologan Era in the Region of Trikala: New Discoveries
- 10.00-10.15 **KARATZOGLOU Ioannis, MAMALOUKOS Stavros**, The Church of Hagios Ioannis at Paliouri, Karditsa. History and Architecture
- 10.15-10.30 **ANDROUDIS Paschalis**, Remarks on the Late Byzantine Architecture on Mount Pelion
- 10.30-10.45 **MELVANI Nicholas**, Thessaly as a province of Palaiologan Sculpture
- 10.45- 11.00 **SAKELLARIOU Elena**, The Symbolic Representation of Monsters on Byzantine Reliefs from Thessaly: The Case of the Griffin
- 11.00-11.20 Questions- Discussion
- 11.20-11.30 Break

6th SESSION – FRESCOES, CERAMICS AND WOODWORK

Chair: ANASTASIADOU Archontoula

- 11.30- 11.45 **VARALIS Yannis**, Wall-Painting in Thessaly, Twelfth - Fourteenth Centuries: An Assessment
- 11.45- 12.00 **VAPHEIADIS Konstantinos**, Overview of the Byzantine Painting in the region of Stagoi, Thessaly
- 12.00-12.15 **ASSIMAKOPOULOU Aggeliki**, From cave to cave: The wall-paintings of Byzantine Cave Churches of Eastern Thessaly
- 12.15-12.30 **SDROLIA Stavroula, DIDIOUMI, Sophia**, New evidence about Mountain of Cells (Kellia in Kissavos, Thessaly)
- 12.30-12.45 **DAFI Evangelia**, Ceramics from Trikala in the Late Byzantine period: a marker of continuity during a troubled era
- 12.45-13.00 **LIAKOS Dimitris**, The late byzantine wood-carved doors of the katholikon of the monastery of Olympiotissa in Elasson
- 13.00-13.20 Questions- Discussion
- 13.30- 14.00 **Guided tour: Byzantine Thessaly through the exhibition at the Diachronic Museum of Larissa**

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