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**THE BALKANS IN THE SEVENTH  
CENTURY:  
ETHNIC AND CULTURAL  
TRANSFORMATIONS**



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National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Room 209

09:20-09:30 TATIANA BORISOVA (University of Athens)

**Welcoming Speech**

## SESSION 1

09:30-10:00 FLORIN CURTA (University of Florida)

**Old habits die hard: the historiography of the seventh century in the Balkans** (online via Webex)

10:00-10:30 HRVOJE GRAČANIN (University of Zagreb)

**The Croat migration metanarrative in Croatian historiography: between old and new approaches**

10:30-11:00 VLADA STANKOVIĆ (University of Belgrade)

**The questions of the origin of the Serbs and their settlements in the Balkans in modern Serbian historiography and quasi-historical discourse**

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:00 PERICA SPEHAR (University of Belgrade)

**The barbarian settlements on the northern Balkans before the Slavic migration**

12:00-12:30 DANIJEL DŽINO (Macquarie University)

**The seventh century in deep hinterland of Eastern Adriatic: what do we know and what we think we know** (online via Webex)

12:30-13:00 DISCUSSION

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

## SESSION 2

14:00-17.30

- 14:00-14:30 GEORGIOS KARDARAS (University of Ioannina)  
**The Danubian *limes* and the settlement of the Slavs on the Balkans**
- 14:30-15:00 GALINA GROZDANOVA (National Archaeological Institute with Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Science)  
**The beginnings of the nomadic and Slavic finds in early medieval Bulgaria**
- 15:00-15:30 PANOS SOPHOULIS (University of Athens)  
**The older populations of the Lower Danube region (Slavs, “Thracians”, Greeks) in the seventh and eighth centuries: survival and incorporation into the new state structures**
- 15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK
- 16:00-16:30 NATALIA POULOU-PAPADIMITRIOU (University of Thessaloniki)  
**Reconsiderations of the “Slavic” material culture in the Greek peninsula** (online via Webex)
- 16:30-17:00 ETVLEVA NALLBANI (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)  
**On the origins of the Komani culture: settlements and communities from the seventh century in the Western Balkans**
- 17:00-17:30 DISCUSSION / FINAL REMARKS

## List of participants

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