



Moving Byzantium

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Call for Papers

Graduate and Early Career Workshop: 'Armenia & Byzantium without Borders'

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Within the framework of '**Moving Byzantium: Mobility, Microstructure and Personal Agency**,' a five-year project begun at the University of Vienna in 2016 and funded through the Wittgenstein-Prize (<http://rapp.univie.ac.at>), '**Armenia & Byzantium without Borders**' is a three-day workshop focussing on social and cultural mobility between Armenia and Byzantium in the Middle Ages. This workshop continues a scholarly conversation initiated in March 2017 at the University of Uppsala where a study-day dedicated to 'Narrative Exchanges between Byzantium and Armenia' was organized by AnnaLinden Weller within the Uppsala/Paris 'Text and Narrative in Byzantium' project.

We invite **advanced PhD candidates and early career scholars** working in the fields of *Late Antique, Armenian, Byzantine, and Middle Eastern Studies* to submit **proposals for 20 min. papers** connected with the main topics of 'Moving Byzantium', with a focus on aspects of social and cultural mobility of persons, objects, and/or ideas between Armenia and Byzantium throughout the Middle Ages. We are particularly interested in new research showing interaction and communication on both literary and material grounds between the Byzantine world and the Armenians. Each paper presented at the workshop will be accompanied by a senior scholar's **10 min. response**, followed by a general discussion. The workshop will be inaugurated with the lecture of our **keynote speaker, Prof. Bernard Coulie** (Catholic University of Louvain), and will include a visit to the **Mekhitarist Monastery** of Vienna and a guided tour of the exhibition on 'Byzantium and the West' at the **Schallaburg Castle**.

Travel and accommodation expenses of scholars selected for presentation at the workshop will be covered by a generous grant of the 'Moving Byzantium' project.

Paper proposals should be sent by the **31st of October 2017** to Emilio Bonfiglio: emilio.bonfiglio@univie.ac.at. Applications will include: **a)** university affiliation; **b)** graduate level; **c)** title of the paper; **d)** abstract (max 250 words); **e)** CV.

Convenors: Dr. Emilio Bonfiglio and Prof. Claudia Rapp