

**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 15<sup>th</sup> Century -  
Effects of Ottoman-Byzantine Struggles in the  
Sign of the Ottoman 'Civil War' (1402-1413)*

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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  
16<sup>th</sup>-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 Rhetoric in the 15<sup>th</sup>  
and 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
International Conference  
of the Research Training Group 2304  
**Byzantium and  
the Euro-Mediterranean  
Cultures of War**

**Organized by**  
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# War with Byzantium

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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 9<sup>th</sup>

14.00

INTRODUCTION

Johannes Pahlitzsch

### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>

### 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century*

Philipp Margreiter (RTG 2304 Mainz)

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