

Epiros: The Other Western Rome Virtual Workshop

Friday 8th – Saturday 9th
November 2024

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DAY 1

Friday, 8th November 2024

OPENING ADDRESS

9:00 - 9:20

Welcome from Nathan D.C. Websdale and Evan Zarkadas

SESSION 1

OVERVIEW: EPIROTE STUDIES

9:30 - 11:00

9:30-10:00 EFSTRATIA SYGKELLOU (Ioannina)

Medieval Epiros: Scientific Studies and Activities in Greece: An Overview

10:00-10:30 EVAN ZARKADAS (Independent)

The New Ioannites: The Influx of the Constantinopolitan Refugees in Epiros after 1204 and their Impact on Ioannina

10:30-11:00 BRENDAN OSSWALD (Tübingen)

Late Medieval Epiros: A Spatial Analysis

BREAK - 15 MIN

SESSION 2

THE DYTIKOI I: THE (POST) 'KOMNENIAN SYSTEM'

11:15 - 12:45

11:15-11.45 MICHAEL ANGOLD (Edinburgh)

The Petraliphas in Exile

11:45-12:15 NATHAN D.C. WEBSDALE (Oxford)

In Defence of Epiros: Michael Angelos and Theodore Komnenos Doukas as Traitors, Heirs, and Moses

12:15-12:45 JOHN KEE (Dumbarton Oaks)

Michael Choniates' Letters to Epiros: John Apokaukos, Theodore Komnenos Doukas, and the end of Byzantine Aegean Greece

BREAK - 75 MIN

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SESSION 3

THE DYTIKOI II: NETWORK ANALYSIS

14:00 - 15:30

14:00-14:30 CHRISTOS TSATSOULIS (N.H.R.F., Athens)

Towards an Edition of a Prosopographical Lexicon for Byzantine Epiros (4th-15th c.): the “Anonymoi” in Epirote Society

14:30-15:00 KATERINA KORRE (Patras)

The Vasilachi case: Observations on the Population Patterns Through the “Archontes” of the Late Medieval Epiros

15:00-15:30 ROBIN SHIELDS (Independent)

Epiros as a Breadbasket? The Extraordinary Barges Agreement of 1436 and the Wider Cereal Trade Between the Tocco Despotate and Ragusa in the mid-15th century

SESSION 4

THE HYBRID MATERIAL CULTURE OF EPIROTE ROME

15:45 - 16:45

15:45-16:10 ANDREA BABUIN (Ioannina)

The Military Element in Late Medieval Epiros through Literary, Historical and Artistic Sources of the Period

16:10-16:40 ALLISON GREENDA (Ann Arbor, Michigan)

Memory, Futurity, and Subversion in Arta’s Despotic Landscape: The Case of the Church of the Parigoritissa

END OF DAY ONE

DAY 2

Saturday, 9th November 2024

SESSION 5

A ROMAN 'EMPIRE' OF THE BALKANS I: EPIROS AND BULGARIA

09:00 - 11:00

09:00-09:30 FRANCESCO DALL'AGLIO (Bulgarian Academy)

Not Just Klokochnitsa: Relations Between Epiros and Bulgaria between 1207 and 1241

09:30-10:00 KALIN YORDANOV (Bulgarian Academy)

“Totum ducatum di Finepople et quisque eum tenet”: A Key to Solving Theodore Komnenos' Mysterious Diversion Towards Klokochnitsa at the March on Constantinople in 1230?

10:00-10:30 ILIA CURTO PELLE (Princeton)

Circulation Patterns of Epirote-Thessalonican Coinage in the 13th Century

10:30-11:00 SAMUEL E.L. COWELL (Vienna)

Reevaluating the Epirote Coinage of Michael II Komnenos Doukas

BREAK - 30 MIN

SESSION 6

A ROMAN 'EMPIRE' OF THE BALKANS II: EPIROS AMIDST ITS NEIGHBOURS

11:30 - 13:30

11:30-12:00 JACK DOOLEY (Royal Holloway, London)

The Orsini Family in the *Aragonese Chronicle of Morea*

12:00-12:30 AGON RREZJA (Zagreb)

Albanians Between the Despotate of Epiros and the Latin West in the 13th-14th Centuries

12:30-13:00 GREGORY MANOPOULOS (D.U.Th., Komotini)

Rediscovering history in early 17th century Epiros:
The 14th century “Χρυσόβουλον τῆς ὑπεραγίας
Θεοτόκου τῆς Πωγωνιανῆς”

13:00-13:30 GEORGE TEREZAKIS (Tübingen)

The Transformation of Late Byzantine Epiros to Early Ottoman Sanjak of Yanya (Ioannina) (12th-16th c.): Continuity and Change

BREAK - 60 MIN

SESSION 7

**REASSESSING SOCIAL LIFE IN THE DOSSIER OF
JOHN APOKAUKOS, METROPOLITAN OF
NAUFPAKTOS (1200–1232)**

14:30 - 16:00

14:30-15:00 NICK CHURIK (Princeton)

Everyday Violence in Apokaukos

15:00-15:30 IOANNIS SMARNAKIS (Aegean)

Episcopal Power and Urban Communities in the Early Despotate of Epiros

15:30-16:00 ALEKSANDAR JOVANOVIC (Fraser Valley)

Contract-Loving Communities: Imperial Bureaucratic Practices in the Provincial Society of John Apokaukos

CLOSING REMARKS

16:00 - 16:15

END OF WORKSHOP

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