Call for Papers

Representations and Manifestations of an Empire

Between Constantines

The Oxford Byzantine Society presents

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The History Faculty
Graduate Conference
The 2011 International

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Abstracts are due on
24 February 2011

We encourage all participants to apply to their home institute for travel grants.

In order to approach the subject from as many angles and fields related to Byzantium, including, but not limited to: History, Archaeology, Language and Literature, disciplines encompass the existence of the empire? How do we interpret the narrative and imagery of the emperors and their subjects? How did the empire's expansion and interaction with surrounding regions shape the empire's political, social, and cultural development? What role did trade and commerce play in the economy and society of the empire? What were the political, social, and cultural consequences of the empire's interactions with other cultures and empires?

This year's conference – entitled Between Constantines: representations and manifestations of an empire – marks the society's annual graduate conference held in March 2011.

Possible themes for papers might include:

- Representations and manifestations of an empire
- Art and architecture
- Language and literature
- Travel and trade
- Economic and cultural strategies that defined different periods of Byzantium
- Between Constantinople and Antioch: how did we imagine the empire?
- The great centennial – empires between Constantines: past and present