45th Spring Symposium in Byzantine Studies
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PROGRAMME

Saturday 24 March 2012

9.30 Registration; Coffee
10.20 Opening

10.30 Session 1: The world of Psellos
Michael Jeffreys, ‘Psellos’ dominance in the historiography of the eleventh century: past, present and future’
Floris Bernard, ‘Literary gatherings and authorial practices in the network of Michael Psellos’
Jean-Claude Cheynet, ‘Administration provinciale dans la correspondance de Michel Psellos’

12.00 Session 1: Discussion

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Session 2: The here and the hereafter – Part 1
Paul Magdalino, ‘From ‘encyclopaedism’ to ‘humanism’: the turning-point of Basil II and the millennium’
Andrew Louth, ‘Spirituality in the age of Michael Psellos’
Jane Baun, ‘Eleventh-century eschatology’

15.00 Session 2: Discussion
15.30 Tea

15.45: Session 3: The here and the hereafter – Part 2
Barbara Crostini, ‘Eleventh-century monasticism between politics and spirituality’
Dirk Krausmueller, ‘From competition to conformity: monastic fasting and social change’
Judith Ryder, ‘Leo of Chalcedon and conflicting ecclesiastical models’
Georgi Parpulov, ‘The rise of devotional imagery in eleventh-century Byzantium’

17.45: Session 3: Discussion

18.15 Executive Meeting of SPBS

Sunday 25 March 2012

9.00 Communications I, II (2 x 5 speakers)

10.15 Coffee

10.30 Session 4: Byzantium from within
James Howard-Johnston, ‘The Peira and legal practices in eleventh-century Byzantium’
Leonora Neville, ‘Taxes and taxis: some thoughts on ideology, money and power in eleventh-century Byzantium’
Peter Sarris, ‘Rural landscapes and social structures’

12.00 Session 4: Discussion

12.30 Lunch, Annual General Meeting of SPBS

13.30 Session 5: Byzantium and beyond 1
Florin Curta, ‘The image and archaeology of the Pechenegs’
Tim Greenwood, ‘Byzantine influence on Armenian urban consciousness’
Jonathan Shepard, ‘Byzantino-Latin exchanges’
15.00 Session 5: Discussion

15.30 Tea

15.45 Session 6: Byzantium and beyond 2
Anthony Eastmond, ‘Georgian devotional practices’
Robert Ousterhout, ‘Cappadocian settlements and architecture’
Mark Whittow, ‘The eleventh century and the feudal revolution’

17.15 Session 6: Discussion

18.15 Reception

20.00 Dinner

Monday 26 March 2012

9.00 Communications III, IV, V, VI (4 x 5 speakers)

10.15 Coffee

10.30 Session 7: Other voices
Peter Frankopan, ‘Images of the family in Anna Komnene’s Alexiad: a new interpretation’
Catherine Holmes, ‘The Chronicle of John Skylitzes’
Dimitris Krallis, ‘An eleventh-century rhetorical interface between army and civilians: Attaleiates’ Encomium to Botaneiates’
Charlotte Roueche, ‘Kekaumenos at the frontier’

12.30 Session 7: Discussion

13.00 Closing and Lunch