

# conference programme

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte,  
Konferenzraum

HEIRS, EMPIRES, NATIONS –  
»BYZANTIUM« AS AN ARGUMENT  
FOR NATION-BUILDERS

**9.00**  
Lora Gerd (Saint Petersburg)  
*Russian Imperial Policy in the Orthodox  
East and Its Relation to Byzantine Studies*

**9.45**  
Andrii Domanovskiy (Kharkiv)  
*The Perception of Byzantium in the  
Context of Modern Ukrainian Nation  
Building (Second Half of the 18<sup>th</sup> to Early  
20<sup>th</sup> Century): from Hryhorii Skovoroda  
through Taras Shevchenko to Mykhailo  
Hrushevsky*

 **10.30–11.00**  
COFFEE BREAK

**11.00**  
Andreas Gietzen (Mainz)  
*Bad Byzantines – A Historical Narrative  
in the Liberal Conception of Vladimir  
Jovanović*

**11.45**  
Stefan Rohdewald (Gießen)  
*Byzantine »Slavery« as Postcolonial  
Imagination: »Foreign« Rulers of a  
»Pure« Bulgarian Nation (1850–1930)*

**12.30**  
CONCLUDING DISCUSSION  
Vaios Kalogrias (Mainz)

**13.00**  
FAREWELL



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VENUES  
Römisch-Germanisches  
Zentralmuseum  
Vortragssaal im  
Kurfürstlichen Schloss  
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# Imagining Byzantium

Perception, Patterns, Problems  
in Eastern and Southeastern  
Europe (19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)

International Conference  
Mainz, March 2–4, 2017





## Imagining Byzantium

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During the rise of national movements in Europe, debates arose about history and the respective historical narratives, which aimed at establishing new political orders. At the same time the meaning and significance of the Byzantine millennium was discussed as a possible reference point for imagining

and constructing new collective and national identities. Our research group »The Legacies of Byzantium« investigates the impact and reception of Byzantine history and culture in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe and its usage as an argument. The focus of the conference lies on Eastern and Southeastern Europe as a political, cultural and religious bridge between Orient and Occident. Therefore, we would like to discuss in which way scientific, ecclesiastical and political elites dealt with (pseudo-)Byzantine items, narratives, and paradigms in various contexts in order to strengthen their own identity, to stage or legitimize their power as well as to justify certain political strategies.

### Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum,  
Vortragssaal im Kurfürstlichen Schloss

**17.30**

Registration

**18.00**

Opening Address

Hans-Christian Maner (Mainz)

**18.15**

Evening Lecture

Günter Prinzing (Mainz)

*Byzantium, the Rus' and the So Called »Family of Rulers«*

RECEPTION

### Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**9.00**

Jan Kusber (Mainz)

*Imagining Byzantium: an Introduction*

HISTORY AND HISTORIES – BYZANTINE  
ELEMENTS IN HISTORIOGRAPHICAL  
NARRATIVES AND DISCOURSES

**9.15**

Hans-Christian Maner (Mainz)

*»Byzance après Byzance« – Nicolae Iorga's Concept and Its Aftermath*

**10.00**

Milena Repajić (Belgrade)

*George Ostrogorsky's Perception of History and Byzantium in Serbian »National« Historiography: Between Otherness and Orthodoxy*



**10.45–11.15**  
COFFEE BREAK

**11.15**

Dimitrios Stamatopoulos (Thessaloniki)  
*The Western Byzantium of Konstantinos Paparrigopoulos*

**12.00**

Przemysław Marciniak (Katowice)  
*Oriental and Exotic - Constructions of Byzantinism in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Historiography*



**12.45–14.00**  
LUNCH

DEFENCE OR DECADENCE? –  
RECEPTION OF BYZANTIUM WITHIN  
ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORIOGRAPHY

**14.00**

Kirill Maksimović (Frankfurt/Main)  
*Collection of Byzantine Canon Law (»Kniga pravil«, 1839) as a Legal Basis of the Russian Orthodox Church of the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Centuries: Paradoxes, Problems and Perspectives*

**14.45**

Alena Alshanskaya (Mainz)  
*The Reception of »Byzantium« in the Russian Church Historiography at the Late Imperial Period*



**15.30–16.00**  
COFFEE BREAK

**16.00**

Dimitrios Moschos (Athens)  
*Approaching the Byzantine Past in the Historical Work of Dositheos of Jerusalem and Meletios of Athens*

**16.45**

Christina Hadjiafxenti (Mainz)  
*Byzantium in the Greek Church Historiography of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Between German Protestant Influence and Greek Orthodox Confession*

**17.30–17.45**  
SMALL BREAK

**17.45**

Mihai-D. Grigore (Mainz)  
*Byzantium for Priests. Image of Byzantium in Romanian Theological Schoolbooks of the Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century*



**19.00**  
DINNER

