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Ancient Christian Literature and Christian Apocrypha



Programme

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Aristotle University's Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA)
September 3rd Avenue, University Campus

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THURSDAY, JUNE 26

14.00 – 16.00 REGISTRATION (Foyer of the Aristotle University's Research Dissemination Center [KEDEA])

16.00 – 20.45 OPENING SESSION*

- Welcoming address of Prof. Despo LIALIOU, Vice Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Greeting address by Prof. Michael TRITOS, Dean of the Faculty of Theology
- Greeting address by Prof. Theodoros YIANGOU, President of the School of Pastoral and Social Theology
- Greeting address by Prof. Athanasios SEMOGLOU, member of the administrative council of the Centre for Byzantine Research of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Introduction to the theme of the Conference by Prof. Rémi GOUNELLE & Prof. Symeon PASCHALIDIS

A music welcome interlude : The "OLIGOHORDA" classical music duo for oud and double bass interprets classical music compositions from Roman composers of Constantinople, (17th - 20th century). [Solist: Vassilis KASSOURAS (oud), Giannis KOLOVOS (double bass). Special participation: Vassilis TERZIS (ney)]

17.00 FIRST PLENARY SESSION (*chair*: Bertrand BOUVIER)

Rémi GOUNELLE [Strasbourg]: *Diffusion et réception des Actes de Pilate/Evangile de Nicodème dans le monde byzantin*

17.45 Break - Coffee

18.00 – 19.00 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

CONFERENCE HALL I (*chair*: Athanassios PAPARNAKIS)

18.00 Bruce BECK - Christos ARABATZIS [Boston - Thessaloniki], *Intertextuality and Reception History in the story of Jonah and Elijah in the Lives of the Prophets*

18.30 Ekaterini TSALAMPOUNI, [Thessaloniki]: *One Villain, Many Deaths: the case of Judas Iscariot from the perspective of cultural memory*

CONFERENCE HALL III (*chair*: Athanassios SEMOGLOU)

18.00 Michel-Yves PERRIN [Paris]: *Epigraphie et textes apocryphes chrétiens: un témoin méconnu de la Lettre tombée du ciel sur le dimanche*

18.30 Archim. Gregorios PAPATHOMAS [Athens]: *La Littérature Apocryphe comme source des canons de l'Eglise*

19.00 SECOND PLENARY SESSION (*chair*: Kyriakoula PAPADEMETRIOU)

Christos OIKONOMOU [Thessaloniki]: *The Apocryphal Revelation of John: the morphological effect of the canonical to the apocryphal Apocalypse of John*

* Both the opening and the plenary sessions will take place at *Conference Hall I of KEDEA*, except if noted differently in the programme.

19.45 – 20.45 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

CONFERENCE HALL I (chair: Ekaterini TSALAMPOUNI)

- 19.45 Matteo GROSSO [Torino]: *For a Reception History of Thomas' Sayings in Early Christian Literature: An Overview of the Textual Evidences*
- 20.15 Vasileios TZERPOS [Athens], *The Parable of "the Trees and their Fruits" in the New Testament and the Apocryphal Literature*

CONFERENCE HALL III (chair: Michel-Yves PERRIN)

- 19.45 Dominique CÔTÉ [Ottawa], *Rufin d'Aquilée et les Reconnaissances: stratégies littéraires et prises de position doctrinales*
- 20.15 Sotirios DESPOTIS - Dimitrios ALEXOPOULOS [Athens]: *Artemis and Thecla. The meeting of the ancient goddess with the christian female apostolic saint in the first four centuries of Christianity (historical and comparative reflections)*

Reception in the courtyard of the Aristotle University's Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

09.00 THIRD PLENARY SESSION (chair: Bruce BECK)

Els ROSE (Utrecht): *Cultural contexts of the apocryphal Acts of the Apostles in the Latin Middle Ages*

09.45 Break - Coffee

10.00 – 11.00 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

CONFERENCE HALL I (chair: His Eminence metrop. ELPIDOPHOROS of Prousa)

- 10.00 Emanuela VALERIANI [Genève]: *Symbolism and eschatology in the Apocryphal Apocalypse of John starting from the comparison with the canonical Book of Revelation*
- 10.30 Athanasios DESPOTIS [Bonn]: *Bekehrungserfahrung und –erinnerung in den „gnostischen Evangelien“*

CONFERENCE HALL III (chair: Albert FREY)

- 10.00 Kristian S. HEAL [Provo, Utah]: *Redeeming Potiphar's Wife: The Reception of a Motif in the Syriac Tradition*
- 10.30 Nikos KOUREMENOS [Roma]: *The Garden of Jannes and Jambres in Egyptian Monastic Tradition*

11.00 Break - Coffee

11.15 FOURTH PLENARY SESSION (chair: Jean-Daniel KAESTLI)

Ioannis KARAVIDOPOULOS [Thessaloniki]: *L'apocryphe "Paralipomena de Jérémie" et son influence sur les textes liturgiques de l'Église orthodoxe*

12.00 – 13.30 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

CONFERENCE HALL I (chair: Xavier LEQUEUX)

- 12.00 Christiane FURRER [Lausanne]: *Germain de Constantinople et les Actes de Pilate. Un texte apocryphe à la source d'une symbolique liturgique*
- 12.30 Rev. Konstantinos KARAIARIDIS [Thessaloniki]: *La reception des traditions apocryphes sur saint John le Precurseur dans les textes liturgiques byzantines*
- 13.00 Maïeul ROUQUETTE [Lausanne]: *L'apôtre Tite dans l'hagiographie byzantine*

CONFERENCE HALL III (chair: John CAREY)

- 12.00 Susana TORRES-PRIETO [Madrid]: *The Slavonic tradition of the Gospel of Nicodemus: possible answers to the labyrinth*
- 12.30 Eirini PANOU [Jerusalem]: *The Protevangelion of James, the Holy Scripture and the veneration of Mary's parents in ninth-century Byzantium*
- 13.00 Eirini ARTEMI [Athens]: *"In a man who loves wisdom the father will be glad." Stromata A1. Clement's of Alexandria teaching about the cryptic tradition in the Apocryphal books of the Bible*

Lunch in the Holy Monastery of St Theodora of Thessaloniki

16.00 – 17.30 FIFTH PLENARY SESSION (chair: Stephen SHOEMAKER)

Amphitheatre of the Holy Monastery of St Theodora (34, Ermou Str)

- 16.00 Xavier LEQUEUX [Brussels]: *L'Index apostolorum discipulorumque Domini attribué à Dorothee de Tyr: le contenu et sa diffusion à Byzance*
- 16.45 John CAREY [Cork]: *The Reception of Apocryphal Texts in Medieval Ireland*

TOUR TO ROMAN AND BYZANTINE MONUMENTS OF THESSALONIKI

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

09.00 SIXTH PLENARY SESSION (chair: Jean-Michel ROESSLI)

Frédéric AMSLER [Lausanne]: *Remarques sur la réception byzantine des Actes de Philippe*

09.45 Break – Coffee

10.00 – 11.30 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

CONFERENCE HALL I (chair: Aristotelis MENTZOS)

- 10.00 Athanassios SEMOGLU [Thessaloniki]: *L'apport des apocryphes dans l'interprétation de l'iconographie chrétienne: le cas des deux compositions énigmatiques de l'enfance du Christ*

- 10.30 Angeliki TRIVYZADAKI [Thessaloniki]: *The influence of the apocryphal literature in the depiction of the childhood of Theotokos*
- 11.00 Melina PAISSIDOU [Thessaloniki]: *L'influence des Apocryphes et des Drames Liturgiques a la peinture murale du 15eme siecle*

CONFERENCE HALL III (chair: Konstantinos CHRESTOU)

- 10.00 Nicole J.B. VOLMERING, [Dublin]: *Journeys to the Afterworld: "Apocalypse" or "Vision"?*
- 10.30 Evangelos STAVROPOULOS [Paris]: *Mundus Senescit: la contribution de l'Apocalypse de pseudo-Méthode de Patara à l'élaboration du messianisme politique romain tardif*
- 11.00 Konstantinos GEORGIADIS [Thessaloniki]: *Apocrypha: The Ideological Matrix of Byzantine Iconoclasm*

11.30 Break – Coffee

11.45 – 12.30 SEVENTH PLENARY SESSION (chair: Christos OIKONOMOU)

- 11.45 Christopher VENIAMIN [Pennsylvania]: *The Transfiguration in Pre-Nicene Apocryphal Literature*

12.30 – 14.00 FREE COMMUNICATIONS

CONFERENCE HALL I (chair: Christopher VENIAMIN)

- 12.30 Peter TOTH [London]: *Apocryphized Christology: Origin and Function of the Apocryphal Vision of Christ in Gethsemane*
- 13.00 Konstantinos BOZINIS [Thessaloniki]: *Theios Eros in the apocryphal Acts of Paul and Thecla*
- 13.30 Michael MUTHREICH [Göttingen]: *The Autobiography of Dionysius the Areopagite or How to Promote the Implementation of Philosophy into Christianity*

CONFERENCE HALL III (chair: Frédéric AMSLER)

- 12.30 Theoni BOURA [Athens]: *The apocryphal texts of the 5th century: content and historical context*
- 13.00 Dariya SYROYID [Lviv]: *The Image of Paradise in medieval monastic hagiography and its apocryphal origins*
- 13.30 Spyros P. PANAGOPOULOS [Patras]: *The Influence of the Protevangelium Iacobi in the Middle Byzantine Homiletic Tradition on the Mother of God*

Buffet Lunch offered by the Metropolitan Church of St Gregory Palamas

16.00 – 17.30 EIGHTH PLENARY SESSION (chair: Rémi GOUNELLE)

Conference Hall of the Metropolitan Church of St Gregory Palamas (3, Hag. Sophias Str)

- 16.00 Jean-Michel ROESSLI [Montreal]: *Les Sibylles: prophétesses divines, instruments du démon ou forgeries? Réflexions sur la réception des Oracles sibyllins à l'époque moderne*

- 17.30 Stephen SHOEMAKER [Oregon]: *Receiving the Last Emperor: Ps.-Methodius' Reception and Revision of the Tiburtine Sibyl*

VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF BYZANTINE CIVILISATION

Buffet dinner at the Metropolitan Church of St Gregory Palamas

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- 9.00 Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the Patriarchal Monastery of Vlatadon

- 11.00 - 12.30 LAST PLENARY SESSION (*chair*: Rev. Christos FILIOTIS)

Amphitheatre of the Patriarchal Institute of Patristic Studies (64, Eptapyrgiou Str)

Jean-Daniel KAESTLI [Lausanne]: *La réception des Actes de Paul. Retour sur quelques vicissitudes d'un texte "profitable à l'âme" (ψυχωφελής)*

Symeon PASCHALIDIS [Thessaloniki]: *Byzantine apocryphal traditions regarding the Apostles: the case of St Paul*

Buffet offered by the Patriarchal Monastery of Vlatadon

VISIT TO HOSIOS DAVID AND TO THE CHURCH OF ST NIKOLAOS ORPHANOS

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