

## Byzantium in the 16th Century

The fact that elements of the tangible and intangible heritage of Byzantine Constantinople were preserved as the city's urban layout was gradually transformed during the decades after the Ottoman conquest of 1453 is well known to international scholarship. Yet, the nature of this transformation and the degree to which the Byzantine background affected 16th-century realities is possible through the thorough study of an array of texts, careful examination of the material remains still visible in modern Istanbul, and a close focus on the diverse institutions active in Ottoman Istanbul.

In the workshop the participants will investigate diverse aspects of the urban physiognomy and cultural activity of Constantinople/Istanbul during its early Ottoman phase. By combining an array of methodological approaches, they will address more complex issues, such as the familiarization of western humanism and renaissance audiences with the physical space of the Ottoman capital and its Byzantine background and the role of the Patriarchate in the organization of Christians in the Ottoman Empire and Eastern Europe.

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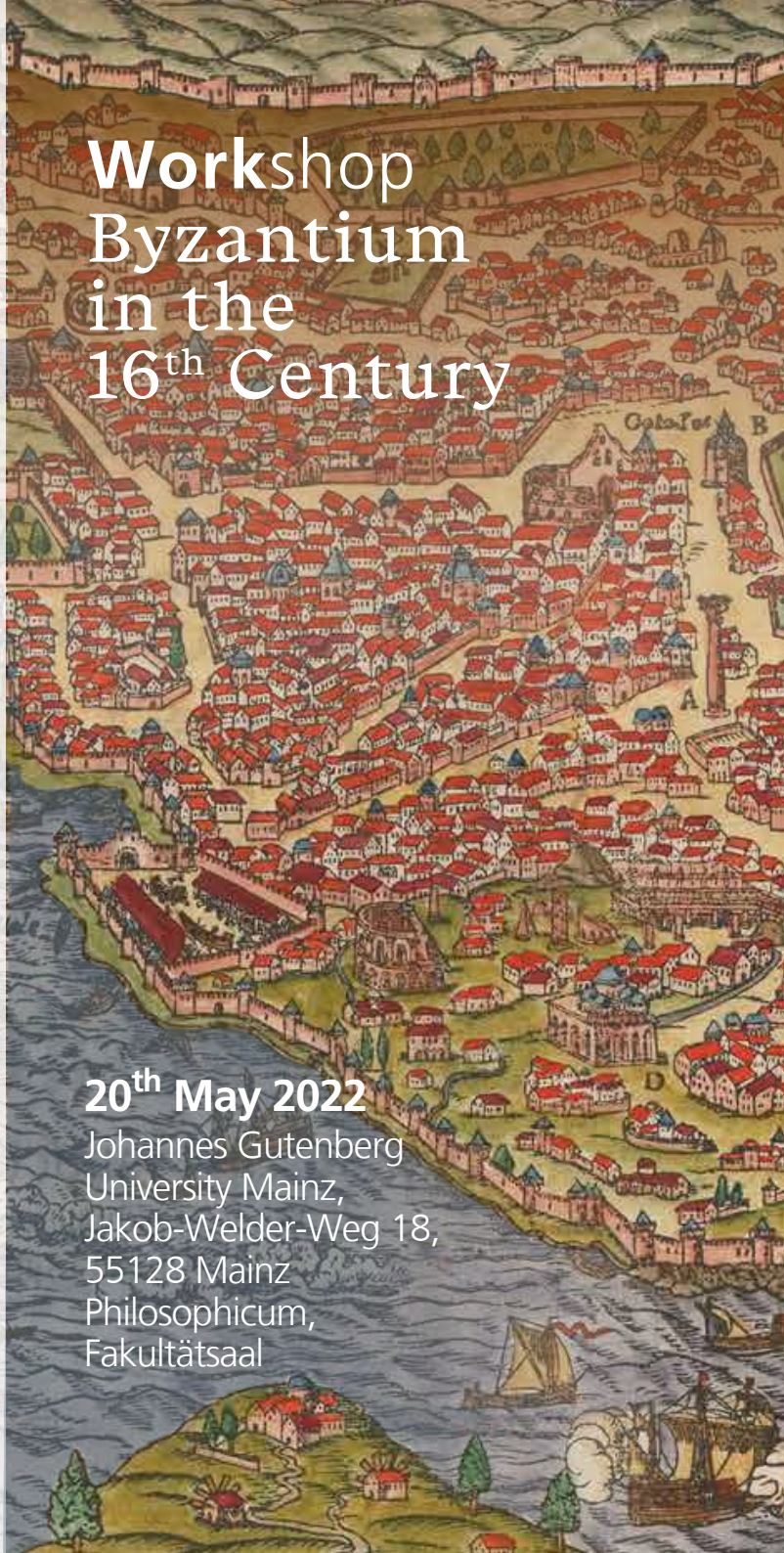


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## Workshop Byzantium in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century

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## Program

**9.30 – 9.45**

### Opening Address

Jan Kusber (Osteuropäische Geschichte, JGU)

Johannes Pahlitzsch (Byzantinistik, JGU)

**9.45 – 10.15**

### Introduction

Nicholas Melvani (DFG Project

"Approaching Byzantium")

**10.15 – 10.45**

Neslihan Asutay-Effenberger (Ruhr-Universität, Bochum), *The City Walls of Kostantiniyye in the 16th century – New functions, collapses and restorations*

**10.45 – 11.00 Discussion**

**11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break**

**11.30 – 12.00**

Çiğdem Kafescioğlu (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul) *From Constantine to Süleyman, through quakes and flood: building and narrating Istanbul's waterways in the sixteenth century*

**12.00 – 12.30**

Philipp Niewöhner (Georg August University, Göttingen), *The early modern history of the church of St. Benoit at Galata*

**12.30 – 12.45 Discussion**

**12.45 – 14.15 Lunch Break**

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**14.15 – 14.45**

Youli Evangelou (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens)

*The Patriarchate of Constantinople during the 16th century. Byzantine pathways through Ottoman space*

**14.45 – 15.15**

Andrea Paribeni (Carlo Bo University, Urbino) *Saint Sophia through the lens of the scholars and travelers of the Renaissance*

**15.15 – 15.30 Discussion**

**15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break**

**16.00 – 16.30**

Taisiya Leber

(Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

*Dealing with Printing in 16th-century Constantinople*

**16.30 – 17.00**

Nicholas Melvani

(Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz)

*Approaching Constantinople and wandering through Ottoman Istanbul*

**17.00 – 18.00 Discussion**

Concluding remarks

