

**Second International Conference on the  
Military History of the Mediterranean Sea  
Thessaloniki, 16-18 September 2021**



**FINAL PROGRAM**

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**Venue:** War Museum of Thessaloniki

**Registration fee:** 70 Euros

## Thursday, 16 September

**17:00 - :** Registration

**17:00-17:30:** Welcoming remarks


**17:30-18:30:** Guided tour of the War Museum

**18:30-19:00:** Konstantinos Gkioulekas (Head of Committee of National Defence of the Hellenic Parliament) – *200 years since the Greek Revolution*

**19:00: First Keynote Lecture** - Haralambos Papatotiriou (Professor of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Panteion University) – *Byzantine Defence Strategy: an overview*

**20:00:** Wine Reception (Sponsored by Ibn-Haldun University)

## Friday, 17 September

 **09:00: Second Keynote Lecture** - Matthew Bennett (Visiting Research Fellow, University of Winchester; formerly Senior Lecturer, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst)

*Is it possible to teach military leadership? The 'medieval' sources answer*

**10:00 - 11:20**

**Panel 1A: Elements in the Byzantine army**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**


**Moderator:** Nikolaos S. Kanellopoulos

- Filip Schneider (University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava) - *Armenian presence in the army of Nikephoros Phokas*
- Christos G. Makrypoulias (Independent) - *Dexiolaboi, matzoukatoi, and malartioi in the Byzantine army: specialist troops or poorly armed irregulars?*
- Konstantinos Takirtakoglou (University of Ioannina) - *The Armeno-Byzantine tasinarioi and the Arab masālih: The same tactical unit?*

## **Panel 1B: War and the divine**

**Room: Multiple use room**

**Moderator:** Efstratia Sygkellou

- Margarita Papageorgiou (Democritus University of Thrace) - *The role of the divine element in the outcome of military operations*
-  Antonios Athanasopoulos (University of Ioannina) - *Divine protection of Constantinople: the role of the Theotokos in the case of the Ottoman sieges of the City*

**11:20-11:40: Coffee break**

**11:40-12:40**

## **Panel 2A: Prisoners of War**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**


**Moderator:** Georgios Theotokis

- Dimitra Mytili (University of Ioannina) - *Women as spoils of war in the Byzantine and Arabic sources.*
- Marilia Lykaki (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) - *Masculinity under captivity: An approach on military men at war during the Middle Byzantine Era*

## **Panel 2B: Military discipline and order**

**Room: Multiple use room**

**Moderator:** Angeliki Delikari

- Łukasz Różycki (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań) - *Leading by example and by fear – means of commanding soldiers in the context of Byzantine military treatises*
-  Zhu Zi-yao (King's College London) - *On attitudes to confiscation as military punishment in the Paleologan Byzantium*



**12:40-14:40: Lunch break**

**14:40-16:20**

**Panel 3: Comnenian period**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**

**Moderator:** Christos G. Makrypoulias

-  Georgios Chatzelis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *Leadership and Deception in the Alexiad: The Stratagems of Alexios I and Bohemond*
- Marek Meško (University of Hradec Králové) - *Alexios I Komnenos in the battle of Dyrrachion (1081)*
- Evangelos Nikolaou (Independent) - *The use of battlefield stratagems during the Komnenian period (1081-1180): part of the battle tactics or an inevitable necessity?*
-  Theocharis Alexopoulos (Independent) - *Andronikos I Komnenos as a military leader. Incompetent or overqualified?*

**16:20-16:40: Coffee break**

**16:40-18:00**

**Panel 4A: Social and military elites I**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**

**Moderator:** Konstantinos Karatolios

- Dimitrios Sidiropoulos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *Combining authorities. Praefecti praetorio and magistri militum in Justinian's Africa*
- Nuray Ocakli (İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim Üniversitesi) - *The Military History of Late Medieval Kastoria in the Ottoman Registers (1389-1455): Military Structure, Christian Fief Holders, and Zaharia Church*

## **Panel 4B: Conflict and art**

**Room: Multiple use room**

**Moderator:** Flora Karagianni

- Paschalis Androudis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *Aspects of Byzantine-Seljuk confrontation in 12th-13th centuries and their depictions in Byzantine art.*
- Agathoniki Tsilipakou (Director, Museum of Byzantine Culture of Thessaloniki) - *Military Saints in Byzantium. Iconography and Ideology through the Museum of Byzantine Culture's collection of icons*

**18:20-20:00**

## **Panel 5: Social and military elites II**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**

**Moderator:** Eric Dursteler

- Valentina Limina (University of Pisa) - *Patrons in command. A seigneurial attitude of late antique élites: the Cecina Decii (centuries 5th-6th AD)*
-  Kyle Shih-Cong Fan Chiang (National Chung Hsing University, TAIWAN) - *Ecclesiastical Authority on the Frontier and beyond: Bishops in the Romano-Persian Wars in Late Antiquity*
- Nikolaos L. Kostourakis (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) - *Leo V, Michael II and Thomas the Slav: social origin and kinship in the byzantine army.*
- Chrysovalantis Papadamou (University of Cyprus) - *The socio-political role of the Cypriot elites in the defence of Cyprus during the Venetian-Ottoman war of 1570-71*

**20:30: Conference Dinner**

## **Saturday, 18 September**


**09:15:** Georgios Theotokis (Ibn-Haldun University) - *The military manuals as a literary genre: identifying common features in authorship, aim, historical context and literary clichés*

**10:00-11:20**

### **Panel 6A: Leadership & generalship I**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**

**Moderator:** Iason-Eleftherios Tzouridis

-  Kelly DeVries (Loyola University, Maryland) - *When Tunisia Mattered: Keeping Suleyman out of the Western Mediterranean*
- Eric Dursteler (Brigham Young University) - *Cigalazade Sinan Paşa and the Battle for the Mediterranean during the Long Habsburg-Ottoman War (1591-1606)*
- Glenn Bugh (Virginia Tech) - *Francesco Morosini, 'the Peloponnesian': Generalship in the Morean War (1685-1694)*

### **Panel 6B: Military geography and fortifications**

**Room: Multiple use room**

**Moderator:** Łukasz Różycki

- Efstratia Sygkellou, Antonios Athanasopoulos, Christos Tsatsoulis (University of Ioannina) - *Mapping the garrisons and forts of medieval Epirus: some historical and prosopographical remarks*
- Evangelos Matsarokos (Independent) - *Pirates and monks: application of spatial analysis to phenomena of the past.*
- Georgios Kardaras-Bellos (National and Technical University of Athens) - *The fortifications of Galaxidi*

**11:20-11:40: Coffee break**

**11:40-13:00**

**Panel 7A: Reconsidering leadership & tactics**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**


**Moderator:** Chrysovalantis Papadamou

- Georgios Kalafikis (Centre for the Greek Language, Thessaloniki) - *From Comitatus to Comitatuses: Neglected Sources concerning the Expeditionary Field Armies of Constantine the Great*
- Anastasios Deleoglou (Independent) - *River crossings in the historical works of John Kinnamos*
- Jacopo Pessina (University of Pisa) - *Military leaders for competences during the Italian Wars: veteran officers in Bartolomeo Peretti's permanent mercenary unit, 1526-44*

**Panel 7B: Weapons - production, use, and typologies**

**Room: Multiple use room**

**Moderator:** Paschalis Androudis

- Errikos Maniotis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *Classifying 5th to 7th century swords of the Byzantine army: The study of archaeological and iconographical material*
-  Dmytro Dymydyuk (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv) - *Between Byzantium and Muslim World: the Spear in Medieval Armenia (9th–13th c.)*
- Iason-Eleftherios Tzouriadis (The Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers) - *A case of sideswords: The urban duels of condottiero Ascanio della Corgna*

**13:00-15:00: Lunch break**

**15:00-16:00**

**Panel 8: New Tactics - battlefield innovations**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**

**Moderator:** Konstantinos Takirtakoglou

- Nikolaos S. Kanellopoulos (Hellenic Military Academy, Evelpidon) - *Infantry vs Cavalry in Frankish Greece: The battles of Berat (1281) and Vatonda (1280)*
- Alexandru Madgearu (Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Bucharest) - *The Arab-Byzantine War of 717-718 and its importance for European history*

**16:00-16:20: Coffee break**

**16:20-18:00**

**Panel 9: Leadership & generalship II**

**Room: Main amphitheatre**

**Moderator:** Georgios Theotokis

- Ioannis Sarantidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *The Grand Strategy of the Emperor Nikephoros III Botaneiates (1078-1081). Byzantium's Strategic Approach with the Seljuk Turks*
- Konstantinos Karatolios (University of Crete) - *The Idea of a Warrior-King in the Palaeologan Romances and Rhetorical Texts*
- Nafsika Vassilopoulou (HFRI/University of the Aegean) - *...with the courage of Ares...: The emperor as a warrior in historiography and the vernacular literature of the early Palaeologan era (mid-13th-mid 14th c.)*
- Georgios Michailidis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) - *Andronikos III Palaeologos (1328-1341), The last soldier-Emperor of Byzantium*