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Confirmed keynote speaker

Professor Antonio Rigo (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)



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The International scientific symposium "Days of Justinian I" is an annual interdisciplinary scholarly forum aimed at the presentation of the latest research followed by discussions on various aspects of Byzantine and Medieval Studies before 1500; this includes the treatment and interpretation of cultural, historical and spiritual heritage in contemporary modern Europe. The Symposium is dedicated to Emperor Justinian I with the aim to bring together scholars from around the world to address a broad range of issues related to Byzantium and the European Middle Ages, comprising the exploration of the cultural and historical legacy as an integrative component of the diversities and commonalities of Unified Europe.

This year the special thematic strand *Religion* aims to incite scholarly debate about the different concepts of religion in Byzantium and Medieval Western Europe. Being an essential component of the Byzantine and Medieval Western World, the religion has shaped the identity of the individuals, communities, polities, acting as a factor of division and unification. Various questions will be raised in examining the profound role of the religion in historical processes, political and cultural transformations, that transcended boundaries and time. As an inspirational model for the literary, architectural, artistic works, the religion will be also observed as an intermediate expression of the past traditions, the system of networks, values, beliefs and practices.

The Symposium will address wide range of conceptual issues in exploring the phenomena of religion and religious controversies in Eastern Roman Empire and Medieval Western Europe. This will include the perspectives of the religion as a function of culture and belonging, its role in defining and constructing the identities, the exclusion and inclusion, conversion and defiance, violence and tolerance, militarization and waging "sacred" wars, relationship with the nations, the heritage of Europe.



Papers are welcomed on various topics that may include, but are not limited to the following areas of discussion:

- ⊕ Paganism and Christianity
- ⊕ Christianity and the *Romanness*
- ⊕ Byzantine Orthodoxy and Catholicism: Dividing the East and West
- ⊕ Byzantine Orthodoxy and the World of Islam
- ⊕ Christianity and identity
- ⊕ Religion and ethnicity
- ⊕ Religious inclusion and exclusion

- ⊕ Religion and assimilation
- ⊕ Religious exchanges and networks
- ⊕ Religious missions and conversion
- ⊕ Religion and ideology
- ⊕ Theology and dogmatism
- ⊕ Spirituality, beliefs and religious practices
- ⊕ Religion and secularism
- ⊕ Historiography and religious history
- ⊕ Popular religion
- ⊕ Religion, dialogue and tolerance
- ⊕ Religion and diplomacy
- ⊕ Religion and law
- ⊕ Religion and language
- ⊕ Religious art and architecture
- ⊕ Religion and gender
- ⊕ Religion and education
- ⊕ Religion and music
- ⊕ Religion, customs and traditions
- ⊕ Heresy and heterodoxy
- ⊕ Religion and violence
- ⊕ Religion and "holy" wars
- ⊕ Religion and cultural heritage: Interpretation, restoration, protection
- ⊕ Religion and nationalism



First Deadline for submitting the abstract of the papers: 10 August, 2020

Second Deadline for submitting the abstract of the papers: 15 October, 2020

Notification of acceptance for early applicants: 20 August, 2020

Notification of acceptance for other applicants: 20 October, 2020

Deadline for submitting the full papers for publication: 1 March, 2021.

Please send the application form to the following address: days.justinian@gmail.com

Presentation of the papers will be limited to 10 minutes.

Working languages: Macedonian and English.

No participation fee is required.

Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the participants themselves.

The excursion will be covered by the organizer.

Papers delivered at the Symposium will be published in the Proceedings of the Symposium.

The papers submitted will be peer-reviewed before publication.

For further inquiries you can contact the Secretary of the Symposium, Prof. Dragan Gjalevski: days.justinian@gmail.com

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