



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

LEAD SEALS IN BYZANTINE THRACE

SIGILLOGRAPHY MEETS HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY

APRIL 19, 2023

START: 10:00

AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SEMINAR
ROOMHOLLANDSTR. 11-13, 1ST FLOOR, 1020 VIENNA
AND ONLINE**VENUE:**April 19: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Seminar Room, Hollandstr. 11-13, 1st Floor,
1020 Vienna**ORGANISERS:**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Hellenic Foundation for Research & Innovation**CO-ORGANISERS:**Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Medieval Research, Department of
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Images:

- 1) Map of Thrace by Abraham Ortelius (1585), Wikimedia Commons
- 2) Seal of Asotios, strategist of Varna (ca. mid-11th c.), private collection A.-K. Wassiliou-Seibt

PROGRAMME

10:00–10:10 Welcome

Claudia Rapp | Austrian Academy of Sciences

10:10–11:00 *Chair: Andreas Rhoby*

Keynote lecture

Werner Seibt | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Der weite Weg vom magister militum per Thracias zum strategos tes Thrakes

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:30 First Session

Chair: Andreas Schwarcz

11:30–11:50 **Andreas Gkoutzioukostas** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

The LSByT research programme: Lead Seals in Byzantine Thrace: Re-examination of data, mapping the distribution of findings and tracing the communication networks

11:50–12:10 **Zhenya Zhekova** | University of Šumen

Seals and findspots in Byzantine Thrace: The scientific work and the contribution of Ivan Jordanov

12:10–12:30 **Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt** | Aristotle University of

Thessaloniki/Austrian Academy of Sciences

The seals of high financial officers of Constantinople found in the capital of the Bulgarian Empire: Reading, dating, interpretation

12:30–12:50 **Dimitris Sidiropoulos – Konstantinos Diados** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Quantitative and qualitative analysis of lead seals in Byzantine Thrace

12:50–13:10 **Dimitris P. Drakoulis** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Visualization of historical-geographical data and the mapping of seals' distribution in Byzantine Thrace

13:10–13:30 Discussion

13:30–14:30 LUNCH

14:30–16:10 Second Session

Chairs: Mihailo Popović – Ioannes Leontiades

14:30–14:50 **Andreas Külzer** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Beyond Constantinople: Market Centers and Networks of Communication in Late Antique and Medieval Eastern Thrace

14:50–15:10 **Andreas Gkoutzioukostas – A.-K. Wassiliou-Seibt – Dimitris**

Sidiropoulos – Konstantinos Diados | Aristotle University of

Thessaloniki /Austrian Academy of Sciences

Seals of emperors, civil and military servants in Byzantine Thrace (6th-8th c.): A historical analysis

15:10–15:30 **Dimitris Sidiropoulos – A.-K. Wassiliou-Seibt** | Aristotle University of

Thessaloniki / Austrian Academy of Sciences

Seals of provincial military commanders and their mobility in Thrace (9th-12th c.). The case of στρατηγός Θράκης

15:30–15:50 **Ekaterini Mitsiou** | University of Vienna (ENCHANT Project)

Monastic networks of Thrace: the case of Kosmosoteira

15:50–16:10 Discussion

16:10–16:20 COFFEE BREAK

16:20–18:00 Third Session

Chair: Klaus Belke

16:20–16:40 **Andreas Gkoutzioukostas** | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Seals of provincial civil dignitaries in Byzantine Thrace (9th-12th): Tracing and interpreting the communication networks

16:40-17:00 **Peter Soustal** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Thracian toponyms in Macedonia

17:00–17:20 **Andreas Pülz** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Überlegungen zur Kirchenarchitektur und -ausstattung der frühbyzantinischen Zeit in Thrakien

17:20–17:30 Discussion

17:30–18:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Werner Seibt – Mihailo Popović – Ioannes Leontiades