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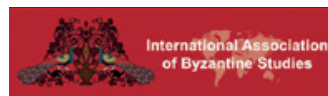
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RT Round Table
TS Thematic Session

The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem What Can Scientific Evidence Tell Us About the Making of the Mosaic Program and Its Greater Art Historical Context?

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TS

This paper reconsiders the material evidence inside the 12th-century Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem in light of the recent UNESCO restoration efforts. By incorporating new scientific data about the mosaic program, I argue that we can enhance our art historical understanding of the site, in regards not only to production techniques, but also in terms of labor organization in the context of workshop collaboration. This interdisciplinary approach allows me to place the Nativity Church in close conversation with other Byzantine monuments, particularly Hagia Sophia, in innovative ways, revealing both the continuity of technical knowledge and the inherently local articulation of these techniques.

New Observations on the Historical Geography of Southeast Thrace in the Late Antique and Early Byzantine Times

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RT

In the course of the field research, numerous traces of Late Antique and Early Byzantine settlement in Southeastern Thrace and on the Thracian Chersonese have been found. In the context of this contribution, attempts to identify these settlements with those of the settlements mentioned in the sources are presented. In addition, the settlement continuity of the port cities on the coasts of Propontis, Black Sea and the lagoon lakes West of Constantinople are taken into account.

The Epigraphy of Byzantium and Early Byzantine Constantinople Old Habits and New Finds

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The aim of this paper is to present several new epigraphical finds from Istanbul dating back to the time of both ancient Byzantium and Byzantine Constantinople. There are fewer new epigraphic finds from the period of the city-state than from later times. Several funerary inscriptions, which have been discovered during the recent excavations in the area of the ancient city, provide significant prosopographical information.

Greek Students at the University of Padua (14th-17th Centuries)

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The presence of Greek students at the University of Padua goes back a long way and cannot be fully understood without considering the profound connection between Venice and the Greek world. From as early as the beginning of the 15th century, many young men from Cyprus, Crete and the Ionian Islands were educated in Padua. University education played an important role not only in terms of the spirit and

personal fortunes of these young men, but also in the various types of stimuli that we find reflected in the society to which they belong, when the young Greek scholars returned to their native soil with their degree certificates in hand and worked in various ways for the political and cultural renewal of their homeland.

Ascetico-Monastic Miscellanies A New Type of Miscellanies in the Slavic 14th Century

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TS

Personal as well as communal reading is one of the main activities in the monk's daily life, as witnessed since ancient times. In all likelihood, the readings within the great ascetic framework were then concretely linked to the spiritual proposal that inspired the individual community. Gregory of Sinai himself gave advice on ascetic readings for the monks around him. It was precisely for this use that miscellaneous manuscripts containing texts for reading were formed. In Slavic, the first manuscripts of this type to be attested date back to the 14th century and refer directly to the communities linked to Gregory of Sinai.

Copisti slavo-meridionali del XIV secolo A proposito di un progetto di ricerca in corso

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Viene presentato un progetto di ricerca in corso, volto allo studio dei copisti slavo-meridionali del XIV secolo. Si tratta di un secolo di sviluppo culturale nei balcani slavi, con una ricca produzione di manoscritti, in un ambiente che subisce influssi dal mondo bizantino, anche per quanto riguarda le scritture. Il nostro progetto intende raccogliere un *repertorium online* di immagini delle scritture dei copisti noti, per il quale nella prima fase è stato compilato un inventario digitale di tutti i manoscritti slavo meridionali del XIV secolo. La ricerca è interdisciplinare, coinvolgendo anche paleografi greci e esperti informatici.

Mark Naoumides as Editor of Cyril's *Lexicon*

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TS

This paper aims to present the results of a preliminary scrutiny of the handwritten notes and cards compiled by the Greek Scholar Mark Naoumides and now housed in the Archives of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Naoumides devoted intensive work to Cyril's *Lexicon*: regrettably, his planned edition never appeared due to his untimely death in 1977. The brief bibliographical record available online lists 21 boxes, 16 of which have 'index cards' on ca. 200 MSS, a figure that far exceeds the 111 items listed in *Pinakes*. In order to proceed with a comprehensive edition of Cyril, it is therefore essential to untangle Naoumides' intricate legacy.



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