

**MYTH AND REALITY
IN LATE ANTIQUITY AND THE MIDDLE AGES:
ANCIENT ORIGINS AND MODERN INTERPRETATIONS**

13:00 Opening - Professor Alexandar Nikolov

Session 1

13:15 Myth as a representation of power: The Commagene kings and the Persian-Macedonian/Seleucid myth of descent – Julian Kaltwasser (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

13:30 Ancient Reliefs of the God Mithras found south of the Balkan Mountains – Nelly Dakova (Sofia University)

13:45 The depiction of mythological scenes on ancient Thracian metal artifacts – Svenja Simon (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

14:00 The legacy of ancient myth in the theatre production „Antigone“ and its didactic use – Vladimír Nikolič (Charles University, Prague)

14:15 Byzas, the city founder - Batuhan Balkan (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

14:30 Was Christianity pacifist in the first three centuries - the evidence reinterpreted in the modern discourse – Bojin Donchev (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

14:45 The Constantine Donation – Floris Neu, Laura Luxenburger and Yolanda Kempf (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break



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15:45 The Chotek Family Tomb in Nové Dvory as an Example of Classicist Tombs in Czechia – Michaela Kubíčková (Charles University, Prague)

16:00 The Franconian founding myths and their reference to Troy – Lena Knaup and Florian Höh (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

16:15 The myth of Prester John and the Crusades – Ivan Todorov (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

16:30 Myth of vanished king on example of life and disappearance of Ladislaus of Varna – Matěj Pašek (Charles University, Prague)

16:45 Protonational Myths and the Construction of Ethnic Boundaries in the Middle Ages – Tencho Karagiozov (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

17:00 Using the ancient myths in the pre-modern historiography of the Lands of the Crown of Bohemia – Dr. Jan Zdichynec (Charles University, Prague)

17:15 Classical mythology in public space and the Velvet Revolution – Jiří Doležal (Charles University, Prague)

17:30 Discussion

