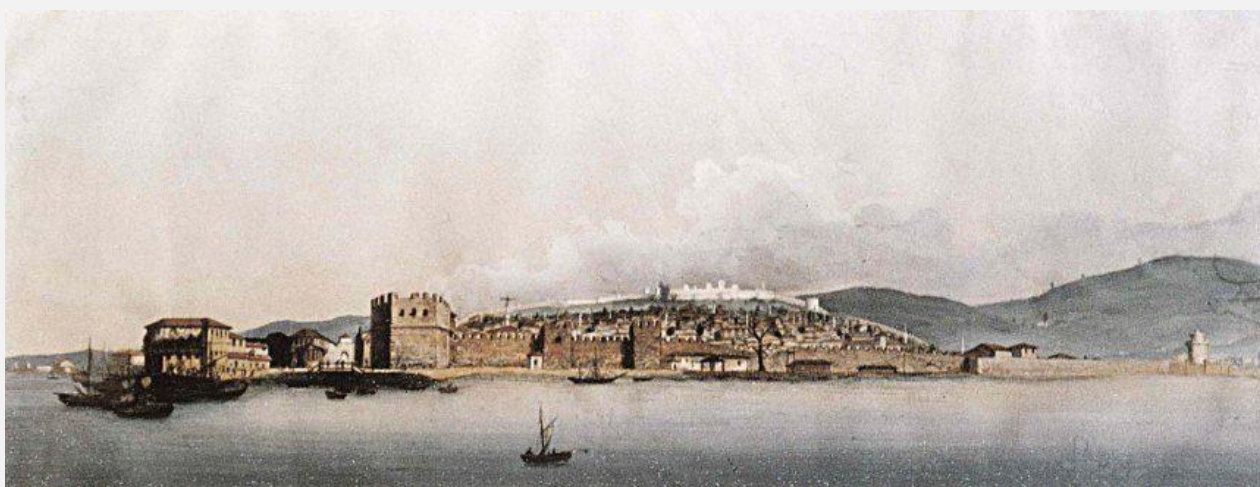


**Second International Conference on the Military History of the
Mediterranean Sea
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FINAL PROGRAM

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Venue: War Museum of Thessaloniki

Registration fee: 70 Euros

Thursday, 16 September

17:00-18:00: Registration

18:00-18:30: Welcoming remarks

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

19:00-19:40: First Keynote Lecture - Haralambos Papasotiriou (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

09:00-09:40: 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: War and the divine

- Margarita Papageorgiou (Democritus University of Thrace) - *The role of the divine element in the outcome of military operations*
- Elias Giannakis (University of Ioannina) - *Al-Fārābī on 'just war'*
- Antonios Athanasopoulos (University of Ioannina) - *Divine protection of Constantinople: the role of the Theotokos in the case of the Ottoman sieges of the City*

Panel 1B: Elements in the Byzantine army

- 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?*

11:20-11:40: Coffee break

11:40-13:00

Panel 2A: Prisoners of War [Auditorium “Stephanos Dragoumis”]

- Theodora Zampaki (Hellenic Open University) - *Arab Prisoners of War in Byzantium as Depicted in Arabic Geographical and Historical Works (9th-10th Centuries)*
- 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

- 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*

13:00-15:00: Lunch break

15:00-16:20

Panel 3A: Comnenian period

- 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 stratagems on the battlefield during the Comnenian period (1081-1180): part of the battle tactics or an inevitable necessity?*

Panel 3B: Social and military elites I

- Valentina Limina (University of Pisa) - *Patrons in command. A seigneurial attitude of late antique élites: the Cecina Decii (centuries 5th-6th AD)*
- 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*

16:20-16:40: Coffee break

16:40-18:00

Panel 4A: New approaches on leadership & tactics I

- Jacopo Pessina (University of Pisa) - *Military leaders for competences during the Italian Wars: veteran officers in Bartolomeo Peretti's permanent mercenary unit, 1526-44*
- Manolis Drakakis (Ionian University), Evangelos Charitopoulos (Nikos Kazantzakis Museum), Aristeia Gratsea (University of Crete) - *The last years of the Cretan War: 1661-1669*

- 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: Social and military elites II

- Georgios Kardaras (Institute of Historical Research/National Hellenic Research Foundation) - *Social and military elites in the nomadic societies (4th-7th c.)*
- 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*
- Dimitrios Sidiropoulos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *Combining authorities. Praefecti praetorio and magistri militum in Justinian's Africa*

18:20-19:00

Panel 5: Conflict and art

- 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

21:00: Conference Dinner

Saturday, 18 September

09:20-09:50: 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

- 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: Sieges and fortifications

- Giovanni Coppola (Università degli Studi di Napoli, "Suor Orsola Benincasa") - *War machine in Norman Italy, 11th and 12th centuries*
- 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) - *The fortification of the monasteries in the monastic state of Mount Athos*
- 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: Leadership & generalship II

- Alan V. Murray (University of Leeds) - *Models of Military Leadership in the Crusades to the Levant, 1096-1221*
- 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*
- Vitaliy Prudnikov (Russian Academy of Sciences) - *Eloquence in the speeches of the Italo-Norman leaders on the battlefield in the 11th century*

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

- Dimitris P. Drakoulis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) - *The arms workshops of the Eastern Roman Empire in the Early Byzantine Period: Geographical distribution, administrative organization and productive specialization*
- 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

15:00-16:20

Panel 8A: New Tactics - battlefield innovations

- Nikolaos S. Kanellopoulos (Hellenic Military Academy, Evelpidon) - *Infantry vs Cavalry in Frankish Greece: The battles of Berat (1281) and Vatonda (1280)*
- Savvas Kyriakides (Independent) - *Warfare in Late Byzantine novels and romances*
- Alexandru Madgearu (Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Bucharest) - *The Arab-Byzantine War of 717-718 and its importance for the European history*
- Robin Pánek (Charles University) - *The Military Mission and Goals of the Order of St. John*

Panel 8B: Leadership & generalship III

- Humberto DeLuigi (Bilkent University, Ankara) - *A Man on the Edge: Michael VIII Palaiologos and Late Byzantine Anatolia*
- 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*

16:20-16:40: Coffee break

16:40-18:00

Panel 9A: Leadership & generalship IV

- Theocharis Alexopoulos (Independent) - *Andronikos I Komnenos as a military leader. Incompetent or overqualified?*
- Konstantinos Karatolios (University of Crete) - *The Idea of a Warrior- King in the Palaeologan Romances and Rhetorical Texts*

Panel 9B: New approaches on leadership & tactics II

- Georgios Kalafikis (Centre for the Greek Language, Thessaloniki) - *From Comitatus to Comitatuses: Neglected Sources concerning the Expeditionary Field Armies of Constantine the Great*
- Theodore George Mantzikos (St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Yonkers, NY USA) - *Military Saints: Holy Murderers?*
- Anastasios Deleoglou (Independent) - *River crossings in the historical works of John Kinnamos*