Concept

The area of Eastern Anatolia and the Caucasus is a good example of transcultural societies interacting with each other. We are dealing with a complex and multilayered contact zone inhabited by a great variety of cultural and ethnic entities.

This workshop aims at discussing transcultural processes and cultural interactions between ethnic groups and political entities in Eastern Anatolia and the Caucasus. It will primarily focus on matters of methodology and source criticism. The workshop will bring together a group of distinguished scholars in the field of Caucasian studies, who have expertise with different categories of sources and languages and are familiar with various methodological issues. The transitional phases will be taken into account as well, especially in late medieval times when we have also the transition from medieval to early modern times.

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Programme

Friday, June 17th

10.30 - 11.00

Jenny Oesterle/Sima Meziridou

Welcome and Introduction

Christian World under Muslim Rule

Chair: Jenny Oesterle

11.00 - 11.45

Rustam Shukurov (Moscow): Persians and Greeks in Anatolia in the 13th and 14th centuries.

11.45 - 12.30

Johannes Pahlitzsch (Mainz): Melkite Intellectual Life under Ayyubid Rule (12th-13th centuries).

Lunch Break

Cultural Expansion and State Borders in Eastern Anatolia

Chair: Alexander Beihammer

14.00 - 14.45

Sara Nur Yildiz (Istanbul): Transcultural Societies and Spaces and the lands east of the Euphrates in the medieval and early modern periods: Armenia, Iran, Kurdistan or Eastern Anatolia.

14.45 - 15.30

Thomas Sinclair (Nicosia): Interaction between Turks, Kurds and Armenians in Armenia during the Late Middle Ages.

Coffee Break

Historical Development during Transitional Phases: The Case of Trebizond and Georgia

Chair: Sebastian Kolditz

15.45 - 16.30

Guenter Prinzing (Mainz): The significance of Cod. Berolinensis graecus qu. 5 for the history of the Trebizond region (15th/16th).

16.30 - 17.15

Nina Iamanidze (Paris): Late Georgian art in transition: originalities, inspirations and decadence in the 13th -14th centuries.

Summary by Alexander Beihammer