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CALL FOR PAPERS
The Forty-Eighth Annual Byzantine Studies Conference
DEADLINE: April 30, 2022

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The Forty-Eighth Annual Byzantine Studies Conference (BSC) will be held at the University of California, Los Angeles, from **Thursday, November 3, through Sunday, November 6, 2022.** The conference will be hosted by the CMRS Center for Early Global Studies with the collaboration of the UCLA Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center for the Study of Hellenic Culture and assistance from the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World. The Local Arrangements Co-Chairs are Sharon E. J. Gerstel (Department of Art History) and Zrinka Stahuljak (Department of Comparative Literature).

The BSC is the annual forum for the presentation and discussion of papers on all aspects of Byzantine Studies and on topics related to the field. Conference attendance is open to all, regardless of nationality or academic status. To deliver your paper at the BSC, you must be a member of BSANA in good standing. To join or renew your membership in BSANA, you can pay your dues according to your current status at: https://bsana.net/members/. All conference attendees are warmly encouraged to attend and make their voices heard at the annual Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA) Membership Meeting, which will be conducted and livestreamed on Saturday, November 5.

We are planning an in-person conference with several blended sessions that will allow for some remote participation. BSANA will assess the Covid-19 situation in the fall, making sure that the in-person conference is still the safest choice for our November meeting.

The Program Committee invites proposals for papers on all topics and in all disciplines related to Byzantine Studies, broadly construed. This year the BSC especially encourages papers that examine transcultural connections or situate Byzantium/Byzantine developments within larger historical, regional, and/or global contexts. With the goal of engaging a wider audience, we also encourage panels that forge a dialogue between Byzantine Studies and cognate fields.

Paper proposals for the 2022 BSC may be submitted in the form of individual papers or as part of organized panels. Instructions for both are included below. Abstracts should be written to be accessible to a broad audience of readers on the Program Committee. All proposed papers must be substantially original and never have been published previously. Each contributor may deliver only one paper.

BSC Blind Review Process
All members of the 2022 Program Committee will review each abstract:
Galina Tirnanic, Chair, Associate Professor, Oakland University (Art History)
Nicole Paxton Sullo, M. Seeger O'Boyle Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University (Art History)
Luis Sales, Assistant Professor, Scripps College (Religion)
Shaun Tougher, Professor, Cardiff University (History)
Vessela Valiavitcharska, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, College Park (Literature)

The review process is anonymous; all personal information is removed by the BSANA Vice President before the abstracts are read and reviewed. The committee has no knowledge of a speaker's overall record to date, or past work on the specific topic treated in the abstract. Thus, critical for success in the review process is a strong abstract, covering all of the four criteria:
(1) a clear and informative introduction to the topic
(2) major points of the argument, and an overview of the evidence supporting the argument

(3) a convincing statement on the significance and originality of the contribution
(4) proposed conclusions

To ensure anonymity it is important to not contact any member of the Program Committee during the submission and evaluation process. Please direct all your questions to BSANA Vice President, Byron MacDougall (bsana.vp@gmail.com).

The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2022.

Notice of the Program Committee's final decision on each abstract will be made **by May 15, 2022** via email by the Program Committee Chair, Galina Tirnanic (tirnanic@oakland.edu)**.**

Subsequent submission of the accepted abstract for publication in the conference Abstracts constitutes agreement to present the paper at the conference.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARTICIPATION

Individual Paper Proposals can take several forms. When uploading your abstract, please indicate which of the following options you prefer:

Single paper in a regular session
These are typical BSC in-person sessions arranged after the acceptance of abstracts by the Program Committee.

Single Paper delivered remotely
If you wish to be considered **only** for remote participation, please indicate so in EasyChair.

Transcultural Connections session(s)
If you wish your paper to be considered for this year's special topic session(s), please indicate so in the drop-down menu.

Graduate Student Session
The Graduate Committee is hosting a session dedicated solely to graduate students. Please indicate your preference for this session in the drop-down menu.

Organized Panel Proposals
The BSC welcomes proposals for whole panels. Each paper author in the proposed organized panel prepares and submits an individual abstract. **Each PDF abstract submission in an organized session is to exclude all participant names, including all speakers and organizers.** Each abstract is reviewed on its own merit. To indicate membership in a proposed panel, each author selects "Paper in an organized panel" from the *Easy Chair* drop-down menu, and then provides the panel title, and the name and email of the panel organizer/s. This is followed by the panel's summary (no longer than 300 words), which should include an overview of the topic, the panel's format, and the reasons for covering this topic as a prearranged session.

All participants in the panel (the organizer as well as the speakers) will be notified of the proposal's receipt by BSANA Vice President, Byron MacDougall. You may direct your questions to him at bsana.vp@gmail.com.

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Notice of the Program Committee's final decision on each abstract will be made via email by the Program Committee Chair, Galina Tirnanic. If the organized panel is accepted in part or whole, then the organizer(s) may also propose a session chair. Please note that the session chair cannot also be a speaker in the panel. This information will be gathered **after** the initial review process.

In the event that most, but not all, of the papers in a panel are accepted, the Program Chair will alert the organizer(s) and will make every effort to keep the remaining accepted papers together. If the majority of the proposed papers in a panel are rejected, then any accepted abstracts will be placed elsewhere in the conference program (unless otherwise indicated by the authors).

ONLINE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
BSANA uses an online submission method: *Easy Chair*, a conference management software system. If you encounter difficulties, please contact Byron MacDougall at bsana.vp@gmail.com.

ABSTRACT FORMAT
File format: **PDF**
Length: **500 words maximum**
Font: **Times New Roman**, **size 12**
Margins: **1-inch margins**
Spacing: **Single-spaced**
Title: **Center the title** on top of the page and **bold it.** Title is capitalized.
Skip 2 lines and enter your abstract (single spaced).
Separate paragraphs by one line.
Do not indent the beginning of paragraphs.
There should be **only one space after a period.**
Do not include your name.

How to submit:

1. If you do not already have an Easy Chair account, create your free user account here:

    https://easychair.org/account/signup

    (Step by step instructions: https://easychair.org/help/account_creation)

2. Follow this link to the BSC2022 submission page:

    https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=bsc2022#

    If you are not already logged into your account, log in when prompted and **reenter** the link

3. Click on "New Submission" as **Author**
4. Follow the Instructions, which you can see in the screen shots below:

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Author Information

Please fill out the form below. Some items on the form are explained here:

- **Email address** will only be used for communication with the author. It will not appear in public Web pages of this conference.
- **Web page** can be used on the conference Web pages, for example, for making the program. It should be a Web page of the author, not the Web page of her or his organization.

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Other Information and Files

Status. * Please select your status from the drop-down menu. The reviewers will not be able to see your status during the review process.

Graduate student ⌄

Paper type. * Please select the appropriate option from the drop-down menu below.

Single paper in a regular session ⌄

Remote participation. Check this box if you plan to participate ONLY remotely

☐ I wish to participate only remotely

Organized Session title. If your paper is part of an organized session, please enter the session title.

Name(s) and email(s) of session organizers. If your paper is part of an organized session, please indicate the name(s) and email(s) of the session organizer(s). Reviewers will not be able to see this during the review process.

Organized session abstract. If your paper if part of an organized session, please paste here the session abstract written by the session organizer(s). The abstract should be no longer than 300 words.

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