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Call for Papers

13th International Symposium of Byzantine Sigillography “Tradition and Innovation”

March 27–28, 2025 | University of Cologne

Following the 12th International Symposium of Byzantine Sigillography held in St. Petersburg in 2019, it is now our pleasure to announce the next Symposium, due to take place in Cologne in 2025.

The Symposium is organized under the auspices of the ANR/DFG Project DigiByzSeal – Unlocking the Hidden Value of Seals: New Methodologies for Historical Research in Byzantine Studies (<https://uni.koeln/BLX43>) and will represent the closing event of this fruitful French-German cooperation. It will take place on March 27–28, 2025 (two full days) at the University of Cologne.

With the theme “Tradition and Innovation”, we will delve into the intricate balance between traditional methods and contemporary advancements within the field of Byzantine Sigillography. Throughout the symposium, we will explore various topics including but not limited to:

- the study of the Byzantine administration
- prosopography
- social history and identity
- imagery on Byzantine seals
- linguistic aspects of Byzantine seals
- cross-cultural influences and exchanges in Byzantine sigillography
- digital approaches and innovative methodologies in the study of seals

We encourage you to submit your original research and join us in advancing the field. Please submit a title and an abstract (max. 300 words) by filling in the form attached to this message by **March 31, 2024**. All relevant documentation should be sent at the following address: siegel-symposium@uni-koeln.de. You will be informed as to the outcome of your proposal by the end of May 2024.

Papers should be 20 minutes in length, plus 10 minutes for discussion. The languages admitted for the presentation are German, English, and French. Proposals for coordinated panels (three papers spanning 90 min. in total, including discussion) are most welcome.

A limited number of bursaries are available to support the participation of unfunded scholars, primarily doctoral students and early career researchers. If you would like to apply for a bursary, please provide the relevant information as indicated in the form. We strongly encourage those of you who have a chance to do so to apply for funding from your home institution or third parties.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please feel free to forward this message to students and colleagues who might be interested in this topic.

Application Form | 13th International Symposium of Byzantine Sigillography

University of Cologne, March 27–28, 2025

Deadline: March 31, 2024

By filling in this form you agree to the Privacy Protection Statement of the University of Cologne.

You can read more about it [here](#).

**** required field***

Name and surname*

Affiliation*

Current academic status*

MA/MPhil student

PhD/DPhil student

Early career researcher

Researcher

Assistant professor

Associate professor

Full professor

Emeritus/a

Other, please specify:

Title of your paper*

Abstract of your paper*

German, French or English, max 300 words.

For coordinated panels: If you are the convenor of a coordinated panel (three papers reaching 90 min. in total, discussion included), please indicate in what follows the title of the panel and the names of the participants.

Title:

Participants:

For coordinated panels: If you are a participant of a coordinated panel, please indicate the title of the panel and the name of the convenor.

Title:

Convenor:

Please indicate if you would like to apply for a bursary*

Priority will be given to unfunded scholars, primarily doctoral students and early career researchers.

yes, please!

no, thanks!

If you wish to apply for a bursary, kindly provide a brief explanation of your current situation and an estimate of the required amount for support.