Around the Holy Trinity of Halki

Greek Libraries in Constantinople at the time of Patriarch Metrophanes III (16th c.)
Thursday October 15 (RCAC, Koç University)

9:00-9:15 Welcome by Engin AKYÜREK, director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies at RCAC

The Patriarchate in the 16th century and its monasteries

9:15-10:00 Dean SAKEL (Türk Tarih Kurumu, Ankara)
The Greek chronicles of the 16th century and the Patriarchate of Constantinople

10:00-10:45 Paraskevas KONORTAS (University of Athens)
The Patriarchate of Constantinople in the Ottoman sources

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 Vera TCHENSOVA (Academy of Sciences, Moscow)
The Princes Islands and the Slavic World
Friday October 16 (IFEA)

12:00-12:45 **Youli EVANGELOU** (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens) «τὸ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ Χάλκη... μοναστήριον... ὁ... Μητροφάνης... ἀνήγειρεν». Foundations and Reconstructions of Monasteries in the Ottoman Empire in the 16th Century

**The Patriarchal Library and libraries of Patriarchs**

14:00-14:45 **Marie-Hélène BLANCHET** (Centre d’histoire et civilisation de Byzance, Paris) Books and their use in the Patriarchate of Constantinople (15th-16th c.)
14:45-15:30 **Matthieu CASSIN** (IRHT-CNRS, Paris) History of the monastery of the Holy Trinity and its Library
15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

**Constantinople, Jerusalem, Athos**

16:00-16:45 **Vassa KONTOUMA** (EPHE, Paris) Les livres de Dosithée II de Jérusalem et la Bibliothèque du Métochion du Saint-Sépulcre au 17e siècle
16:45-17:30 **Kriton CHRYSSOCHOİDIS** (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens) Book donations to Athonite Monasteries and the early formation of their libraries
17:45-18:30 **Dieter REINSCHE** (Freie Universität Berlin) The Greek Manuscripts collected in the Library of the Sultan

19:00 *Cocktail*

**Welcome by Jean-François PÉROUSE**, director of the Institut français d’études anatoliennes

**Copying and restoring books in Constantinople**

9:15-10:00 **Marie CRONIER** (IRHT-CNRS Paris) Copie et restauration de manuscrits à la bibliothèque de la Sainte-Trinité (16e-19e s.)
10:00-10:45 **Paul GÉHIN** (IRHT-CNRS, Paris) Scribes du milieu patriarcal
10:45-11:15 *Coffee break*

**Occidental travellers and books**

11:15-12:00 **Christian GASTGEBER** (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna) Ogier Ghislain de Busbecq et ses manuscrits grecs du Patriarcat de Constantinople
12:00-12:45 **André BingGELI & Pierre AUGUSTIN** (IRHT-CNRS, Paris) Usage et dispersion vers l’Europe des manuscrits de la Sainte-Trinité
13:00-13:30 Conclusions
The conference “Around the Holy Trinity of Halki: Greek Libraries in Constantinople at the time of Patriarch Metrophanes III (16th c.)”, to be held in Istanbul on 14-16 October 2015, will be devoted to the constitution or reconstitution of Greek libraries in Constantinople and its region in the first two centuries after the fall of Byzantium. It will focus on the emblematic case of the library established in the 16th century by the future patriarch Metrophanes III in the Monastery of the Holy Trinity on the island of Halki and marks the completion of the i-Stamboul project dedicated to this library. The conference will highlight the cultural, material and religious context that allowed at this time the foundation or the reconstruction of new monasteries in the region of Constantinople, and in particular in the Princes Islands, and the constitution of libraries inside these monasteries. Beyond the economic and social issues, it will consider the availability of books and the permanence of Greek culture in the Ottoman capital, as well as representations and imagination of libraries and books. This monastic library, which is intimately related to the patriarchal institution, is also a fertile ground for studying the cultural and religious activity of the Great Church in Constantinople at this time, its relations with the Ottoman rule, but also, more broadly, through the diplomacy of books, the history of religious and cultural exchanges between the Ottoman Empire and Europe.

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Theological School, Ümit Tepesi 5, Heybeliada (October 14)
Istanbul RCAC, Merkez Han, İstiklal Caddesi 181, Beyoğlu (October 15)
IFEA, Palais de France, Nur-i Ziya Sokak 10, Beyoğlu (October 16)

For more information : http://manuscrits.hypotheses.org/