

# BYOSE Seminar Series at Oxford

## “Territory, trade & material culture from Byzantium to the Ottoman world”

### BYOSE I: Holy Places in Transition

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Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

66, St. Giles', Oxford

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## The Landscape and Rock-Cut Architecture of Medieval Thrace: Historiography, Fieldwork, and Photogrammetry across Three Countries

The historical region of Thrace has been a frontier (and confrontation) zone for more than a century among three modern states – Turkey, Bulgaria, and Greece. This condition has completely disrupted the landscape, created dysfunctional socioeconomic conditions, modified its geopolitical topography and impacted its historiography. Yet, for more than 15 centuries Thrace was the immediate hinterland and the heartland of an imperial capital. The Landscape and Rock-cut Architecture of Medieval Thrace (BRIA) project aims to redefine landscape continuities by investigating a group of – little-studied – rupestrian sites, currently divided among the 3 states. This two-year interdisciplinary research initiative involves an international team of scholars and PhD students from Koç University and other major universities/research institutions in Turkey, Bulgaria, Greece, North America, and Canada. The central components of the project are two fieldwork trips in chosen rupestrian sites: the first was conducted in June 2022 and the second is planned for June 2023.

Organizers: Olivier Delouis (Maison Française d'Oxford, Champion Hall), Lilyana Yordanova (Musée du Louvre, École française d'Athènes).

For Trinity Term 2023, the research programme “From Byzantium to the Ottoman world in South-Eastern Europe” (BYOSE), will co-sponsor the “Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar” (LABS) at the University of Oxford. The LABS is convened by Ine Jacobs (University College), Marc Lauxtermann (Exeter College), Ida Toth (Wolfson College), and Olivier Delouis (MFO, Champion Hall).

