

# ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## On Byzantine, Western and Post-Byzantine Towers (10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries)

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 November 2022

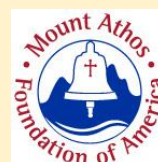
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The Online International Conference devoted to the Towers in Byzantine and Post Byzantine period (10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries), to be held virtually via Zoom from 18 to 20 November 2022, seeks to illuminate aspects of their construction, decoration, function and evolution in time. Our Conference does not aim at exhausting the subject, but will offer an interdisciplinary forum for a selection of talks that touch upon some of the following aspects:

Single (free)- standing towers    Monastic Towers    Towers in maritime forts, harbors and arsenals    Donjons  
Towers in Palaces    Towers with gates    Byzantine Towers in Asia Minor (Anatolia)    Seljuk Towers  
Towers of the Frankish, Venetian, Genoese rulers    Heraldry in Towers    Ottoman and Post-Byzantine Towers  
Towers with canons    War in Byzantine and Ottoman times    Inscriptions on Towers    Towers with buttresses  
Tower Houses of the Byzantine, Frankish, Venetian and early Ottoman Period

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Time schedule is Athens, GR (UTC/GMT + 2 hours)

## PROGRAM

### DAY 1      Friday, 18 November 2022

#### Welcoming Remarks

- 08.25-08.30** Paschalis ANDROUDIS  
**08.30-08.35** Katerina MANOUSOU-NTELLA  
**08.35-08.40** Ploutarchos THEOCHARIDIS

#### **1st SESSION – BYZANTINE TOWERS: CASE STUDIES AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

Chair: **Dimitris LIAKOS**

- 08.40-09.00** **Nektarios ZARRAS**  
Beautiful castles for Brave Men-Dedicatory Inscriptions on Towers of the Middle and Late Byzantine Period
- 09.00-09.20** **Nicholas MELVANI**  
Towers and Texts in Medieval Constantinople
- 09.20-09.40** **Dimitris LIAKOS**  
Athonite towers- the dedicatory inscriptions and their significance
- 09.40-10.00** **Franziska REINHART**  
From watchtower to burgus (to quadriburgium)? The development and unction of Roman watchtowers in the western provinces with a short view to the East
- 10.00-10.30** Questions- Discussion
- 10.30-10.50** **Jim CROW**  
Towers on the long walls of Thrace and associated fortifications
- 10.50-11.10** **Nisa SEMIZ**  
Towers in the Marmara Sea Walls through the observations of Dimitriadis Efendi
- 11.10-11.30** **Kerim ALTUĞ**  
Akçaburgaz: An unknown Late Byzantine Tower from the Western Countryside of Constantinople
- 11.30-11.50** **Jesko FILDUTH**  
Byzantine Towers in Western Asia Minor
- 11.50-12.10** **Paolo MARANZANA**  
Pessinus in central Anatolia; a history of fortifications
- 12.10-12.40** Questions-Discussion
- 12.40-12.50** Break

**2nd SESSION – TOWERS IN THESSALONIKI AND THE ATHONITE SPHERE  
OF INFLUENCE**

Chair: **Yiannis VARALIS**

- 12.50-13.10 Aikaterini KOUSOULA**  
The Tower Gate of Heptapyrgion, Thessaloniki
- 13.10-13.30 Ploutarchos THEOCHARIDIS**  
The Tower of Tzimiskes in Megisti Lavra, Mt Athos- The Byzantine Phases
- 13.30-13.50 Petros KOUFOPOULOS**  
The Library Tower of Panagia at Vatopedi Monastery, Mt Athos
- 13.50-14.10 Konstantia DROSOU**  
The Metochia Towers of Halkidiki and the Tower of the Athonite Monastery “Hagios Pavlos” in Nea Fokea
- 14.10-14.30 Anastasia KAPANDRITI, Stylianos GALANIS**  
The Byzantine tower of the metochion of the Athonite Zografou Monastery, in Kalamaria of Chalkidiki: A palimpsest of construction phases
- 14.30-14.50 Nikolaos BONOVAS**  
Unknown byzantine tower at Nigrita, Serres
- 14.50-15.10 Oleg ULYANOV**  
The unique clock tower of the Athonite monk Lazarus Serb in the Moscow Kremlin (1404) and its analogies in Mont Athos
- 15.10-15.40** Questions-Discussion

**3rd SESSION – OTHER MONASTIC TOWERS UP TO 16<sup>th</sup> c.**

Chair: **Jenny ALBANI**

- 16.40-17.00 Marina MYRIANTHEOS-KOUFOPOULOU**  
“St. Helen’s” Tower at the Monastery of Sinai, Egypt, in the context of the ascetics’ everyday life during the fourth to the late sixth century in Egypt
- 17.00-17.20 Isidoros PLAKOTARIS**  
The Fortified Tower of the Monastic Complex of Nea Moni at the island of Chios
- 17.20-17.40 Lilyana YORDANOVA**  
Between Heaven and Earth: The Intriguing Representation of Space at the Tower of Hreljo
- 17.40-18.00 Theodora IOANNIDOU, Evangelos PAPATHANASSIOU**  
Towers of the Monastery of St. Dionysius of the Mount Olympus, Macedonia, Greece
- 18.00-18.20 Sotiris VOYADJIS**  
The Freestanding Monastic Tower of Aghia Eleousa, Bartholomio, Elis
- 18.20-18.50** Questions-Discussion
- 18.50-19.00** Break

#### **4th SESSION – BALKAN TRADITIONS: 10th-16th CENTURY**

Chair: **Lilyana YORDANOVA**

- 19.00-19.20 Richard HODGES, Nevila MOLLA**  
Middle Byzantine occupation of the Late Roman proteichisma at Butrint, southern Albania
- 19.20-19.40 Dolores OŠTRIĆ**  
The Castle of Gradac on the island of Krk: Byzantine influence on a Romanesque castle
- 19.40-20.00 Nebojša STANKOVIĆ**  
The Tower-Church of Lukavica near Dimitrovgrad (Serbia)
- 20.00-20.20 Brendan OSSWALD**  
Fortifications and fortresses in Epirus (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> centuries)
- 20.20-20.40 Sonia KOUTSIANOU, Theocharis TSAMPOURAS**  
The Towers of the Citadel in Servia: Morphology, Function and Chronology
- 20.40-21.00 Anna GIALOURI**  
Single (free) - standing towers at the east coasts of Thessaly
- 21.00-21.20 Alkiviadis GINALIS**  
Towers in marine environment. The interaction of harbor and fortification networks in Byzantium
- 21.20-21.50 Questions-Discussion**

#### **DAY 2 Saturday, 19 November 2022**

#### **5th SESSION – TOWERS IN LATIN MAINLAND GREECE AND IN THE PELOPONNESE**

Chair: **Stavros MAMALOUKOS**

- 08.30-08.50 Petros KOUNOUKLAS, Nikolaos KARAGIANNIS**  
Paliopyrgos Avlaki. A medieval watch-tower on the west coast of the Maliac Gulf
- 08.50-09.10 Elli TZAVELLA**  
Medieval towers of Boeotia: Observations on their function based on use of road networks
- 09.10-09.30 Philippos STATHOULOPOULOS**  
The architecture of the Boeotian Towers
- 09.30-09.50 Stefania S. SKARTSIS, Niovi BOUZA**  
The “Tower of Saint Omer” in Thebes: function and historical phases
- 09.50-10.10 Alexandra KOSTARELLI, Andrew BLACKLER**  
The medieval towers of Euboea. New data, perspectives and the work of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Euboea
- 10.10-10.30 Jenny ALBANI, Antonis TSAKALOS**  
Medieval skyscrapers: The Venetian freestanding towers in Euboea (1390-1470)
- 10.30-10.50 Philippos KANATOURIS, Stavros MAMALOUKOS, Michael MIAOULIS**

Great Hall (Building A) of castle of Fylla, Euboea (History and Architecture)

- 10.50-11.00** Break
- 11.00-11.20** **Demetris ATHANASOULIS**  
Comments on the medieval towers of the Peloponnese (9th-15th c.)
- 11.20-11.40** **Konstantinos DIMITROULIAS**  
Architectural documentation of a rectangular defensive Tower in Argos Larissa castle
- 11.40-12.00** **Klimis ASLANIDIS**  
The Late Byzantine tower near Pantanassa, in southeastern Laconia
- 12.00-12.20** **Stavros ARVANITOPOULOS**  
Towers in Houses and in the Palace of Mystras
- 12.20-12.40** **Konstantina DOUVI, Paschalis ANDROUDIS**  
The Late Byzantine tower of the monastery of Hodigitria at Mystras
- 12.40-13.10** Questions- Discussion

## **6th SESSION – TOWERS AND FORTIFICATIONS IN THE AEGEAN ISLANDS AND CYPRUS**

Chair: **Sotiris VOYADJIS**

- 13.10-13.30** **Athanasios KOTSAKIS**  
Ducal tower-shaped country residencies at late-medieval Naxos
- 13.30-13.50** **Antonis KATSARAKIS**  
The tower house at Rogdia, Crete
- 13.50-14.10** **Stavros MAMALOUKOS**  
Dark Prison-The Great Tower of the Kastro of Chios
- 14.10-14.30** **Anna BENETOU**  
The Genoese Defensive Tower of Pyrgi, Mastichochoria, in Chios
- 14.30-14.50** Questions- Discussion
- 14.50-15.10** **Michael LOSSE**  
Late medieval and early modern watchtowers, residential towers and tower houses on Rhodes and the Dodecanese Islands
- 15.20-15.40** **Katerina MANOUSOU-NTELLA**  
The evolution of the towers as part of the transformations of the medieval fortification system of the town of Rhodes
- 15.40-16.00** **Michael LOSSE**  
Types of Towers at castles and fortifications of the Order of St. John in its Aegean Monastic state (1307-1522)
- 16.00-16.20** **Cécile KHALIFA**  
Rural Towers and Defense of Cyprus under the Lusignan (XIIth-XVth centuries)
- 16.20-16.40** **Mustafa Gürbüz BEYDIZ**  
Galleys, Powers and Mediterranean in the 16th Century Coastal Fortifications: forms, function and placement
- 16.40-17.10** Questions- Discussion

## **7th SESSION – EASTERN AND WESTERN TOWERS**

Chair: **Nikos TSIVIKIS**

- 17.10-17.30 Stéphane PRADINES**  
Islamic, Armenian or Byzantine? Fatimid gates and Ayyubid towers in Cairo, 1087-1171 AD
- 17.30-17.50 Mustafa Tahir OCAK**  
Alanya Red Tower. Unique Defense Structure in Anatolia
- 17.50-18.10 Paschalis ANDROUDIS, Dimitrios KRITIKOU, Petra LUČENIČOVÁ**  
Towers in Rum Seljuq Palaces and Pavilions
- 18.10-18.30 Patricia BLESSING, Richard McCLARY**  
Reconstructing a Pair of Largely Lost Rum Seljuq Monuments: The Kilij Arslan Kiosk Towers in Konya
- 18.30-18.50 Erdal ESER, Ivana MIHALJINEC**  
Divriği bastion and towers in the light of archaeological excavations
- 18.50-19.10 Joachim GIERLICH**  
Figurative Towers in South Eastern Anatolia: The case of Silvan/Mayyafarikin
- 19.10-19.30 Mathias PIANA**  
Mamluk Towers in Levantine Harbours
- 19.30-20.00** Questions- Discussion

Chair: **Paschalis ANDROUDIS**

- 20.00-20.20 Manuel Esteban BARBA DELGADO**  
Cuarto Real de Santo Domingo, a XIII century qubba in Granada, Spain
- 20.20-20.40 Theodoros IOSIPHIDIS**  
Torre de la Cautiva and Torre de las Infantas- the transformation of the defense towers to opulent mansions
- 20.40-21.00 Eleni PAPANIKOLAOU**  
Towers of the Norman Palace of Palermo
- 21.00-21.20 Fabio CODEN**  
The abbey tower of San Zeno Maggiore in Verona
- 21.20-21.50** Questions- Discussion

## **DAY 3 Sunday, 20 November 2022**

## **8th SESSION – DONJONS AND RESIDENTIAL TOWERS IN BYZANTIUM**

Chair: **Klimis ASLANIDIS**

- 09.00-09.20 Ploutarchos THEOCHARIDIS, Nikolaos BONOVAS**  
The Tower of Orestes in the Acropolis in Serres
- 09.20-09.40 Alessandra RICCI**  
Living on the land walls: Late Byzantine residential towers on Constantinople's land walls



- 09.40-10.00 Jasmina ĆIRIĆ**  
Protected by God's Hand: Brickwork Cryptogram at the Despot's Tower in Smederevo (Mali Grad)
- 10.00-10.20 Paschalis ANDROUDIS**  
The Donjon of the Castle of Platamon (Pieria)
- 10.20-10.50** Questions- Discussion
- 10.50-11.00** Break

**9th SESSION- GENOESE TOWERS IN THE AEGEAN, TURKEY AND THE CRIMEA**

Chair: **Alkiviadis GINALIS**

- 11.00-11.20 Angeliki STAKIA**  
The Tower of Dotia in Chios
- 11.20-11.40 Andreas MAZARAKIS**  
The Fortifications of Gattilusi
- 11.40-12.00 Paschalis ANDROUDIS, Sonia GKOUNTA, Eleni FAKA**  
The Gattilusi Towers in Chora and Palaiapolis in Samothrace
- 12.00 12.20 Hasan Sercan SAĞLAM**  
The Gattilusi Towers in the North Aegean Coasts of Turkey: A Comparative Study
- 12.20-12.40 Hasan Sercan SAĞLAM**  
New Research on the Defensive Layout of the Galata Tower and the Galata Walls
- 12.40-13.00 Rafał QUIRINI-POPLAWSKI**  
"Genoese" Towers on the Black Sea. Form, Function and Decoration
- 13.00-13.30** Questions- Discussion
- 13.30-13.40** Break

**10th SESSION- GUNPOWDER AND COASTAL FORTIFICATIONS**

Chair: **Katerina MANOUSOU-NTELLA**

- 13.40-14.00 Georgios MICHAILIDIS**  
An approach on the use of field, fixed and naval artillery in late medieval and early modern sieges in Europe
- 14.00-14.20 Nikolaos LIANOS**  
Coastal Fortifications: forms, function and placement
- 14.20-14.40 Vassiliki SYTHIAKAKI**  
A rock in the sea. The Venetian maritime fortress of Candia
- 14.40-15.00 Stephen SPITERI**  
The Hospitaller Coastal Towers of the Maltese Islands, 1605-1798
- 15.00-15.30** Questions- Discussion

## 11th SESSION- TOWERS IN LATE BYZANTINE AND EARLY OTTOMAN

PERIOD (14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> c.)

Chair: **Nikos KONTOGIANNIS**

**17.00-17.20 Nikolas BAKIRTZIS**

The Tower of the Monastery of the Timios Prodromos on Mount Menoikeion near Serres: Architectural History and Use

**17.20-17.40 Suna ÇAĞAPTAY, Mustafa Çağhan KESKIN**

A Tower in-between: Spatial and Typological reading of the Cihannüma Tower in Edirne

**17.40-18.00 Yannis KIZIS**

Tower dwelling on Mount Pelion

**18.00-18.20 Vincent ORY**

The role of the big tower in the Ottoman coastal fortifications in 1452 and 1535

**18.20-18.40 Melina PERDIKOPOULOU**

The ceramic brickwork of early Ottoman towers; the Rumeli, Anadolu and Kilitbahir fortresses

**18.40-19.00 Paschalis ANDROUDIS, Androniki BATZIKOSTA**

The Ottoman “White Tower” in Thessaloniki

**19.00-19.30** Questions- Discussion

**19.30-19.50 Athanasia PSALTI, Anthoula TSAROUCHEA, Nikolaos KYRIAKIDIS, Nikolaos PETROCHEILOS, Nicholas FAUCHERRE, Stéphanie ZUGMEYER, David OLIVIER, Vincent ORY, Audric LOULELIS, Louis FADIN**

An Early Ottoman tower at the Castle of Amphissa

**19.50-20.10 Velika IVKOVSKA**

17<sup>th</sup> Century Interventions on Kavala’s Tower and Town Walls

**20.10-20.30 Georgia GRAIKOU**

Depictions of towers in mid-byzantine and post-byzantine art. The example of the city of Nafpaktos

**20.30-20.50 Dimitris LOUPIS**

Towers in the Mediterranean Sea as depicted in Piri Reis’s Book on Navigation (Bahriye), 16<sup>th</sup> c.

**20.50-21.10** Questions- Discussion

**21.10-21.30** Concluding Remarks, End of the Conference

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