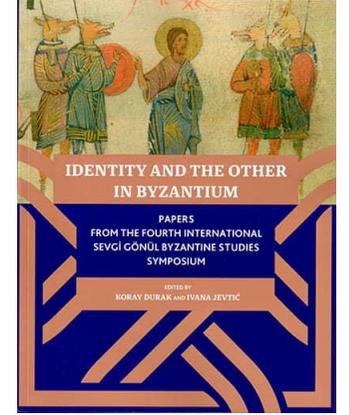


The guests of the Library Talks in November are

Ivana Jevtić and Koray Durak

Identity and the Other in Byzantium

The Library Talks jointly organized by the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) Library and Tarih Vakfı (the History Foundation) will continue in November 10, 2020 with Ivana Jevtić (Koç University) and Koray Durak (Boğaziçi University). The Byzantine Empire, a medieval state with roots in the ancient Mediterranean culture and home to different languages and ethnicities, represents a fertile ground for the study of identity as well as the perceptions and representations of the Other. The trifold model of the Byzantine identity – Greek culture, Christian Religion, and Roman imperial framework – has almost become a cliché in the definitions of Byzantium. Yet, the steady growth of scholarship on the Self and Other in Byzantium calls for fresh critical assessments. Stemming from the Fourth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium (ANAMED; 23–25 June 2016), the articles in the book *Identity and the Other in Byzantium* (Istanbul, 2019) offer new textual, archaeological and, art historical material that is necessary for a fuller understanding of Byzantine construction of the Self and Other in its various dimensions. In this talk, Jevtić and Durak will present the most salient perspectives presented in this book and discuss the contribution of *Identity and the Other in Byzantium* to the scholarship in the field. This month's talk will be in English and will take place online. To watch the talk please click on the link below.



Koç Üniversitesi Anadolu Medeniyetleri Araştırma Merkezi (ANAMED) Kütüphanesi ile Tarih Vakfı'nın ortaklaşa düzenlediği "Kütüphane Konuşmaları" 10 Kasım 2020 günü Ivana Jevtić (Koç Üniversitesi) ve Koray Durak (Boğaziçi Üniversitesi) ile devam ediyor. Bu konuşmada Jevtić ve Durak, derlemiş oldukları *Identity and the Other in Byzantium* [Bizans'ta Kimlik ve Öteki] kitabındaki en dikkat çeken perspektifleri sunarak kitabın Bizans çalışmalarına katkısını ele akacalar. 10 Kasım 2020 tarihinde gerçekleşecek olan konuşma İngilizce olacaktır ve uzaktan erişimle gerçekleşecektir. Konuşmayı izlemek için lütfen aşağıdaki linke tıklayınız.



Ivana Jevtić (Koç University) received her Ph.D. from University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and University of Fribourg, and she is currently an assistant professor at Koç University, Department of Archaeology and History of Art. Her main research interests concern the reception of the antique tradition and the development of the narrative mode in Late Byzantine art and aesthetics. She also explores the phenomena of reuse (*spolia*), and the artistic and architectural development of late medieval art centres, especially at Constantinople. She is currently working on a monograph about monumental art and wall paintings of Byzantine Constantinople.

Koray Durak (Boğaziçi University) is Associate Professor in the Department of History at Boğaziçi University. His main areas of research interest include Byzantine and medieval Islamic trade, representation of the Other in Byzantine and Arabic literature, and Geographical imagination in the early Middle Ages. Among his publications is an article on the contemporary use of archaizing terms for defining Turks in Byzantine literature in *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* (May 2009), and another one on the definition of *Bilād al-Rūm* (Land of the Romans) in Medieval Islamic Geographies in Arabic in *the Journal of Intercultural Studies* (June 2010). He is currently working on a monograph on exchanges and communications between Byzantines and Islamic Near Easterners in the early Middle Ages.



Date: 10 November 2020, at 18:00

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