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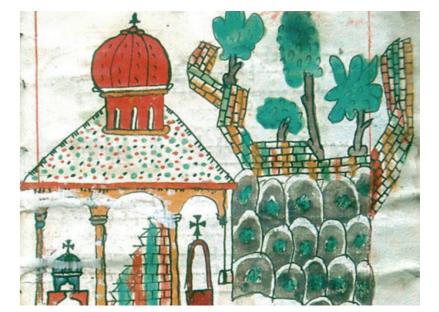
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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER

18:00 Welcome Address H.E. Mr. Armen Papikyan | Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to Austria 18:15–18:40 Opening Remarks Benedetta Contin, Lewis Read, Anahit Safaryan 18:45–19:45 Keynote Address Introduction: Benedetta Contin Boghos L. Zekiyan The Relationship between Architectural Space and Liturgy in Armenia and its Later Developments in the Overall Subcaucasian Region: A Theological Insight 19:45 Wine Reception FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER 9:30–9:45 Welcoming Address Claudia Rapp Andreas Rhoby 9:45–10:00 Opening Remarks Benedetta Contin, Adrian C. Pirtea 10:00–11:30 SESSION 1: HOLY LIVES, HOLY OBJECTS, HOLY LANDSCAPES Chair: Claudia Rapp Nikoloz Aleksidze Saints, Objects, and Landscape in Highland Svaneti Benedetta Contin Saints, Pilgrims, and Shrines: The Making of a Sacral Geography in Late Medieval Subcaucasia 11:30-12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00-13:30 SESSIG	DN 2:	: MOBILE	SAINTS	AND	NEW	CULT	SPAC	CES
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Chair: Adrian C. Pirtea

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Commemorating Saint Eudoxius: Armenian Hagiography and the Byzantine Empire

Sara Scarpellini

On the Footsteps of Saint George: Tracing a Cult

13:30–14:45 LUNCH BREAK

14:45–16:15 SESSION 3: MEMORIALISING SACRED SITES

Chair: Tara Andrews

Valentina Calzolari

Relics, burials and places of worship in the Armenian Christian apocryphal literature

Anahit Safaryan

Faith and Memory in Colophons: Christianity as a Fundamental Pillar of Armenian Identity in the 17th Century

16:15–16.45 COFFEE BREAK

16:45–18:15 SESSION 4: THE EMERGENCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SACRED SITES

BETWEEN ARMENIA AND GEORGIA

Chair: Johannes Preiser-Kapeller

Mariam Chkhartishvili

At the Origins of Georgian Christian Hierotopy

Nazenie Garibian

Designing a New Sacred Topography: The Great Sanctuary of Ashtishat in the 4th-5th centuries

19:15 Dinner for Invited Guests

SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER

9:30–11:00 SESSION 5: LOCAL RELIGION AND ENTANGLED SACRED LANDSCAPES

Chair: Paolo Sartori

Victoria Arakelova

Sacral Topography of Cross-Cultural Zones: Armenians, Alevi Zazas, Yezidis.

Kevin Tuite

Saints, Iconography, and Ritual space: Vernacular Religion and Georgian

Orthodoxy

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00 SESSION 6: APPROACHING CAUCASIAN SACRAL TOPOGRAPHY THROUGH MATERIAL CULTURE

Chair: Lioba Theis

Eve MacDonald

Of men, mountains and gods: High Alpine Landscapes, Spatial Construction of the Divine and the Realpolitik of the Dariali Fort in the Late Antique and Early Medieval Caucasus

Samvel Grigoryan

The Armenian Monasteries of Cilicia: Problem of Localisation

13:00–13:15 Closing Remarks

13:30 Farewell Lunch (at own expense) – Optional

15:00 Visit to the Museum and Library of the Mekhitarist Congregation of Vienna – Optional