Visions, Vows and Wonders: Religion and the Sea in the Eastern Mediterranean, 15th-19th centuries

12-13 OCTOBER 2018
RETHYMNON
Thursday, October 11, 2018

18.00 - 20.00 Welcome Reception, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS)

Friday, October 12, 2018

09.00 - 10.30 Conference Registration
10.30 Welcome by the Organizers

11.00 - 13.00 SESSION 1
Locating the Holy and Holy Locations

Chair/Discussant:
Katherine E. Fleming (New York University, USA)

- Michele Bacci (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
  Site-Bound Sanctity in a Fluid Space: Late Medieval Shrines in the Aegean and Levantine Seas
- Marc David Baer (London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom)
  Sultans as Saviors: Early Modern Mediterranean Jewish Accounts of the Ottoman Rulers
- Elena Boeck (DePaul University, USA)
  From Cyprus, to Constantinople, to Cuba and Beyond: Marian Geographies, Russian Imagination, and Confrontations with Counter-Reformation

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch (at IMS)

14.00 - 16.00 SESSION 2
Business People Religious and Religious Business

Chair/Discussant:
Olga Katsiardi-Hering (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

- Elias Kolovos (University of Crete, Greece)
  Greek Orthodox Monastic Networks across the Aegean Sea during the Ottoman Centuries
- Michalis N. Michael (University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus)
  Expanding in an Ottoman World: Monastic Economy and Kykkos Monastery
- Tullia Catalan (University of Trieste, Italy)
  The Port-Jews of Trieste and their Relationship with the Sea during the 19th Century

16.00 - 17.00 Guided Tour of Old Town Rethymno for Participants
20.00 Dinner for Participants
Saturday, October 13, 2018

10.00 - 12.00 SESSION 3
Sailing Religious and Religious Sailing
Chair/Discussant:
Christos Chatziiosif (University of Crete, Greece)

- Henriette-Rika Benveniste (University of Thessaly, Greece)
  Salonika Conversos in the Early Modern Period Revisited
- Eugenia Kermeli (Haceteppe University, Turkey)
  Sailing in-between Religions in the Early Modern Ottoman Mediterranean Sea
- Gelina Harlaftis (Director, IMS/FORTH, Crete, Greece and Ionian University, Corfu, Greece) and Nikolaos Chrissidis (Southern Connecticut State University, USA)
  The Mermaid Madonna and Her Sails: Boat-Naming Practices of Greek Shipowners in the 18th and 19th centuries

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch (at IMS)

13.00 - 15.00 SESSION 4
Faith, Food, Fears and Fervour At Sea and On Land
Chair/Discussant:
Antonis Anastasopoulos (University of Crete and IMS/FORTH, Greece)

- Katerina Seraïdari (Université de Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France)
  Religious Fervour in the Cyclades (1823-1842)
- Valentina Izmirlieva (Columbia University, USA)
  The Taste of the Christian Hajj: Feasting, Fasting, and Sea-Faring
- Lale Can (The City College of New York, CUNY, USA)
  Istanbul at the Crossroads of Hajj: Religious Experience and Peregrinations Shaped by the Sea

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee Break (at IMS)

15.30 - 17.00 SESSION 5
Plenary Session. All Participants
Chairs: Gelina Harlaftis and Nikolaos Chrissidis


20.00 Farewell Dinner for Participants.

End of Conference
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