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Sofia University, Hall 1

13:00 Meeting with Ass. Prof. Aleksey Kalionski, vice Dean of the Faculty of History

13:30 Organizational meeting

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11:00 Serdica–Sredets–Sofia
Walking tour of the city centre

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13:00 Opening – Professor Alexandar Nikolov

Session 1

13:15 Myth and Reality in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Ancient Origins and Modern Interpretations – Dr. Jan Zdichynec (Charles University, Prague)

13:30 Ancient reliefs of Mithras found south of Stara Planina – Nelli Petrova (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

13:45 The depiction of mythological scenes on ancient Thracian metal artifacts – Svenja Simon (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

14:00 The legacy of ancient myth in the theatre production „Antigone“ and its didactic use – Vladimír Nikolič (Charles University, Prague)

14:15 Byzas, the city founder – Batuhan Balkan (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

14:30 Was Christianity pacifist in the first three centuries – the evidence reinterpreted in the modern discourse – Bojin Donchev (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

14:45 The Constantine Donation – Floris Neu, Laura Luxenburger and Yolanda Kempf (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break



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Session 2

15:45 The Chotek Family Tomb in Nové Dvory as an Example of Classicist Tombs in Czechia – Michaela Kubíčková (Charles University, Prague)

16:00 Myth as a representation of power: The Commagene kings and the Persian-Macedonian/Seleucid myth of descent – Julian Kaltwasser (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

16:15 The Franconian founding myths and their reference to Troy – Lena Knaup and Florian Höh (Saarland University, Saarbrücken)

16:30 The myth of Prester John and the Crusades – Ivan Todorov (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

16:45 Myth of vanished king on example of life and disappearance of Ladislaus of Varna – Matěj Pašek (Charles University, Prague)

17:00 Protonational Myths and the Construction of Ethnic Boundaries in the Middle Ages – Tencho Karagiozov (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“)

17:15 Classical mythology in public space and the Velvet Revolution – Jiří Doležal (Charles University, Prague)

17:30 Discussion



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Veliko Tarnovo

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20 of June

9:00 Meeting in the courtyard of the Sofia University and departure to Veliko Tarnovo

15:30 Visit the Archaeological Museum

16:30 Visit Tsarevets Fortress

21 of June

9:00 Departure to Nikopolis ad Istrum

15:30 Tour of medieval churches in Veliko Tarnovo

22 of June

10:00 Visit Trapezitsa Fortress

13:00 Departure to Sofia

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