



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Young Scholars Circle of the HAEMUS International Research Network is pleased to invite you to its first International Online Seminar for PhD students and Postdocs:

What Means Late Antiquity in the Balkans? *New Concepts, Historiographies and Case Studies for the Period between the 3rd and the 8th Centuries*

October 23, 2023

This first edition of the YSCH online seminar aims to stimulate a discussion that, relying on the most recent studies, can contribute to specifying the definition of the concept of “Late Antiquity” for the Balkan Peninsula.

Taking into account the distinctive features of this historical period, as defined in the major epistemological works on the question, and recognising the elements of rupture and continuity from the past, the debate that will arise from this activity will try to answer such questions (among others):

1. What means Late Antiquity in the Balkans? (*Viz.* how Late Antiquity is generally perceived in studies produced in the Balkans and on the peninsula.)
2. Is it a simple synonym for the Late Roman or the Early Byzantine/Mediaeval periods, or is it a period in its own right?
3. What are its *ante* and *post quem termini*, when applied to the Balkans?
4. With regard to the Late Antique period, what makes the Balkans specific and what makes it an integral part of the Empire?

The seminar will take place online on the 23 October 2023.

Each presentation (c. 20 minutes) will be followed by a small discussion (c. 10 minutes).

TOPICS

This seminar will be multidisciplinary, relying on any kind of testimonies available in the fields of history, archaeology and art history. Among the themes for which discussion are encouraged, we can mention (but not exclusively):

HISTORIOGRAPHY	ADMINISTRATION
EPIGRAPHY	URBAN DEVELOPMENT
NUMISMATICS	MILITARY ORGANISATION
TOPOGRAPHY	RELIGION
ICONOGRAPHY	MIGRATIONS

HOW TO APPLY

Presentations from PhD students or Postdocs who have defended their PhD dissertation during the last 5 years are accepted from this call for papers.

The **title of the paper**, an **abstract** (200-400 words) and **5 keywords** can be sent to haemusyounscholars@gmail.com by **September 20, 2023**.

Presentations may be in English and in French.

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