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MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023

9.00 - 10.00	Arrival of the participants - Opening addresses
9.00 - 9.05	Welcome address by Prof. Ioli Kalavrezou, Dumbarton Oaks Professor of Byzantine Art at Harvard University, Member of the Academy of Athens
9.05 - 9.30	Welcome address by Prof. Dr., Dr. h.c. Nikolaos Klamaris, Professor Emeritus, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, President of the Greek Humboldt-Clubs
9.30 - 10.00	Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Cilliers Breytenbach and Dr. Olga Karagiorgou
10.00 - 11.50	Session I <i>The Rise of Christianity in Attica and Macedonia: State of Research - Recent discoveries</i> Presiding: Olga Karagiorgou
10.00 - 10.30	Giorgos Deligiannakis Recent research on the Early Christianity in Athens and Attica
10.30 - 11.00	Konstantinos Raptis Tracing the gradual Christianization of Thessalonica
11.00 - 11.30	Maria Kontogiannopoulou Late Antiquity in Eastern Macedonia: Evidence from Drama and its area
11.30 - 11.50	Discussion (followed by coffee break)
12.10 - 14.30	Session II <i>The Rise of Christianity in Central Greece</i> Presiding: Amphilochios Papathomas
12.10 - 12.40	Olga Karagiorgou Archaeology and Hagiography of Thessalian Bishops
12.40 - 13.10	Platon Petridis From Apollo to Christ: Early Christian Archaeology at Delphi
13.10 - 13.40	Elli Tzavella Aspects of Early Christianity in Boeotia (4th-7th centuries)
13.40 - 14.10	Katerina Chamilaki Architectural Sculpture from Tanagra and other Evidence for the Christianisation of Tanagrike
14.10 - 14.30	Discussion (followed by light lunch)
15.00 - 17.50	Session III <i>The Rise of Christianity in Southern and Western Greece</i> Presiding: Cilliers Breytenbach
15.00 - 15.30	Georgios Zachos Interconnections between Coast and Mainland: Ports, Settlements and Early Christian Basilicas in East Locris and the Kephissos Valley
15.30 - 16.00	Nektaria Chetzogiannaki The Cultural Landscape of Phocis during the Early Byzantine period: Urban Centres, Settlements, Countryside
16.00 - 16.30	Ioannis Chouliaras New Late Antique Archaeological Discoveries along the Coastline of Epirus and Aetolia-Acarnania
16.30 - 17.00	Joseph Rife Traces of Early Christianity in the Port of Kenchreai

- 17.00 - 17.30 Nikos Tsivikis
Early Christianity in Messene and Messenia (3rd-6th c.)
- 17.30 - 17.50 Discussion (followed by coffee break)
- 18.10 - 19.15 Session IV**
Round Table Discussion: Tracing the Regional Expansion of Christianity in Greece
Discussants: Richard Ascough
Franz Alto Bauer
Cilliers Breytenbach
Olga Karagiorgou
Christiane Zimmermann
- 19.30 - 21.00 Conference dinner at the „Kapodistriakon“ (The Restaurant of the University of Athens)

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

- 9.00 - 11.45 Session V**
The Rise of Christianity: impact on the cultural and social life (I)
Presiding: Theodora Antonopoulou
- 9.00 - 9.30 Giorgos Karamanolis
Early Christianity and Greek Philosophy
- 9.30 - 10.00 Nikoletta Kanavou
Almost Christian: Peregrinus Proteus in Greece
- 10.00 - 10.30 Richard Ascough
Associations, networks, and the spread of Early Christ Groups
- 10.30 - 11.00 Petros Parthenis
Early Christian Networks and their Contribution to the Spread of Christianity in Greece: from the Beginning to the End of the Second Century.
- 11.00 - 11.30 Christiane Zimmermann
Christian imprecations from Corinth and the surrounding area
- 11.30 - 11.45 Discussion (followed by coffee break)
- 12.00 - 13.45 Session VI**
The Rise of Christianity: impact on the cultural and social life (II)
Presiding: Olga Karagiorgou
- 12.00 - 12.30 Yannis Varalis
The ecclesiastical architecture in Eastern Illyricum under the Constantinian and the Theodosian dynasties
- 12.30 - 13.00 Yannis Theocharis
Paul on the Areopagus
- 13.00 - 13.30 Anne McCabe
New evidence for the Christianization of the Hephaisteion
- 13.30 - 13.45 Discussion (followed by light lunch)
- 15.00 - 18.00 Session VII**
Guided tour of Early Christian monuments near the Acropolis and the Ancient Agora of Athens
(Anne McCabe, Yannis Theocharis, Elli Tzavella)
- 18.00 - 20.30 Conference dinner at Plaka (the old historical neighbourhood of Athens)

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