

The international conference

Georgios Gemistos Plethon: The Byzantine and the Latin Renaissance

Recent research on Plethon has yielded some new interpretations and discovered hitherto unknown manuscripts and contexts (e.g., with the Jewish and Islamic world), while at the same time the relation between Western Europe and Byzantium is now studied as a mutual influence.

Plethon as a Byzantine thinker was a representative of 14th/15th-century Byzantine thought which manifested three basic types: Greek Christian Orthodoxy, interchange with the western European strains of thought (e.g., translation of scholastic works into Greek, but also evident in the Council of Ferrara-Florence), and a revival ("renaissance") of Greek culture, which has been variously named proto-nationalism in the 19th century, paganism from the Christian standpoint, Hellenism from the parallel to 19th-century Greek nostalgia. It remains to be seen, which of the three characteristics applies best to Plethon.

May 10-12 2013

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Meeting Room at Philosophical Faculty of Palacký University
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Friday, May 10, 2013

15:00 – 18:30 First Session

Davide Amendola (Pisa):

Pletho's *Opuscula de historia Graeca* and Bruni's *Commentarium rerum Graecarum*: rewriting Greek history between the Byzantine and the Latin Renaissance

Giannis Demetrakopoulos (Patras):

Hermonymos Christonymos Charitonymos' (ob. 1476?) *Capita apologetica de divinitate Christi*: a reply to Plethon's anti-Christianism

Fabio Pagani (Berlin):

The School of Mystra

19:30 Reception at the *Institute for Byzantine and Eastern Christian Studies*, o.p.s. (IBYZ o.p.s.), Dolní náměstí 166/22, Olomouc, <http://www.ibyz.org/en/>

Saturday, May 11

9:00 – 13:00 Second Session

Brigitte Tambrun-Krasker (Paris):

Are Psellos' and Pletho's *Chaldaean Oracles* genuine?

Sergei Mariev (München):

The dispute over human and divine deliberation (*boule*) from Pletho to Bessarion

10:45: Coffee break

László Bene (Budapest):

Gemistos Plethon on fate

Georgios Arabatzis (Athens):

The Concept in Pletho

13.00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 18:00 Third Session

Michael Khorkov (Moscow):

How to make a new philosophy from an old Platonism: Plethon and Cusanus on *Phaedrus*.

Walter Seitter (Wien):

The Mathematical-Poetic Renaissance in Austria (Johannes von Gmunden, Georg von Peurbach, Regiomontanus, Conrad Celtis, Johannes Cuspinian)

16:45: Coffee break

Vojtech Hladky (Prague):

From Byzantium to Italy: 'Ancient Wisdom' in Plethon and Cusanus

Jozef Matula (Olomouc):

The fate of Pletho's criticism of Averroism

19:30: Dinner

Sunday, 12 May

9:00 – 11:30 Fourth Session

Niketas Siniossoglou (London):

The question of proto-nationalism in Gemistos Plethon

Paul Richard Blum (Baltimore/Olomouc):

Plethon, the first Philhellene

Jacek Raszewski (Warsaw):

George Gemistos Plethon and the crisis of the modern Greek identity

11:30 Coffee break

Round Table discussion: *Edition Projects of Plethon's Works*

Organizers of the conference: Prof. Paul Richard Blum, T.J. Higgins, S.J., Chair in Philosophy (http://www.loyola.edu/academics/philosophy/faculty/PR_Blum/) and

Dr. Jozef Matula (<http://www.kfil.upol.cz/lide/matula-jozef>)