

The workshop is devoted to the memory of Professor Otto Kresten (1943–2024), a leading scholar of the study of Byzantine charters and manuscripts and one of the founding fathers of these disciplines in Vienna.



Otto Kresten (1943–2024)

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Cover image: Map of the Catalan Atlas of 1375 CE with various elements of official writing across late medieval AfroEurAsia (source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:1375\\_Atlas\\_Catalan\\_Abraham\\_Cresques.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:1375_Atlas_Catalan_Abraham_Cresques.jpg), collage by Johannes Preiser-Kapeller)



FWF-PROJECT ENCHANT -INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

# ENTANGLED CHARTERS OF EURASIA

THE CREATION OF OFFICIAL WRITING IN  
COMPARISON AND EXCHANGE, CA. 1100–1400 CE

IN MEMORIAM OTTO KRESTEN (1943–2024)

16–18 OCTOBER 2024  
AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
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# PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER

Seminar Room 1, Universitätscampus AAKH, Hof 9, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna

### 17:30–17:45 Welcome & Introduction

**Claudia Rapp** | Director of the Institute for Medieval Research (IMAFO) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) and PI of the FWF-Cluster of Excellence „Eurasian Transformations“

**Andreas Rhoby** | Head of the Department of Byzantine Research (ABF) at IMAFO/OeAW

**Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW; PI of the FWF-Project “Entangled Charters of Anatolia (1200–1300), ENCHANT”

### 17:45–18:00 In Memoriam Otto Kresten (1943–2024)

**Christian Gastgeber** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

### 18:00–19:00 Keynote Lecture

**Christian Gastgeber** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*Byzantine Documents: A Question of Methodology*

### 19:00 Reception

## THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER

3rd Floor, Lecture Hall 3a, Georg-Coch-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

### 09:00–10:30 SESSION 1: CHARTERS FROM EAST ASIA TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: *Yuka Kadoi* | Univ. Vienna

**Francesca Fiaschetti** | Univ. Vienna

*Diplomatic documents of the Mongol Empire and the creation of an Eurasian worldview*

**Márton Vér** | Univ. Hamburg

*The Old Uyghur documents and their Eurasian context*

**András Barati** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*Exploring the Influence of East Asian Chancery Practices on Ilkhanid State Documents*

### 10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 11:00–12:00 SESSION 2: PERSIANATE AND ARAB WORLDS OF DOCUMENTS

Chair: *Paolo Sartori* | Institute for Iranian Studies, OeAW

**Bruno de Nicola** | Institute for Iranian Studies, OeAW

*Persian ‘Sufi’ Letters as official writing: the case of Mir Sayyid Hamadāni in 14th century Eurasia*

**Malika Dekkiche** | University of Antwerp

*Across the Pass: Mamluk-Qaramanid correspondences, a shared culture?*

### 12:00–13:00 LUNCH BREAK

### 13:00–14:30 SESSION 3: ARMENIAN DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE CAUCASUS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Chair: *Yavuz Köse* | Univ. Vienna

**Isabelle Augé** | Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier

*The documents included by Stepannos Orbelean in his chronicle, evidences of diplomatic practices in medieval Armenia*

**Anahit Galstyan** | University of California, Santa Barbara

*Illuminating the Dead: Light and Commemoration in Medieval Anatolia*

**Samvel Grigoryan** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*Toponymy and Geography of Armenian Charters*

### 14:30–15:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 15:00–16:30 SESSION 4: ENTANGLING CHARTERS OF ANATOLIA

Chair: *Tijana Krstic* | Central European University, Vienna

**Dmitriy Korobeinikov** | University of Albany

*The Treaty of 1074 between Michael VII Doukas and Sultan Malik Shah*

**Rustam Shukurov** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*The Chancery of Kaykâwus II (1246–1262)*

**Zisis Melissakis** | National Hellenic Research Foundation – NHRF, Athens

*The cartulary of Lembiotissa monastery. Palaeographical observations on a complex, – but rich in information –, archive*

### 16:30–17:15 Short Presentations

**Zisis Melissakis** | NHRF, Athens & **Ekaterini Mitsiou** | Univ. Vienna

*The digital edition of the cartulary of Lembiotissa monastery*

**Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*The PLAS/ENCHANT-Open Atlas-database*

### 18:00 DINNER

## FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER

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### 09:00–10:30 SESSION 5: TEXTS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE BYZANTINE GREEK WORLD

Chair: *Christian Gastgeber* | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

**Ekaterini Mitsiou** | Univ. Vienna

*The Lascarid documents (13th century) in an eurasiatic perspective: personal agency, structure and networks*

**Marie-Hélène Blanchet** | Centre national de la recherche scientifique – CNRS, Paris

*Producing official admonitions to the Emperor or the Patriarch in Byzantium (13th–14th centuries)*

**Andreas Rhoby** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*Inscribed documents from the middle and late Byzantine periods. Durability and public impact*

### 10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 11:00–12:30 SESSION 6: LATIN CHARTERS IN THE EAST

Chair: *Andreas Zajic* | IMAFO/MIR, OeAW

**Marie Anna Chevalier** | Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier

*Official acts to be considered with caution: what contribution about the religious-military orders in Constantinople and the surrounding regions (1163–1244)?*

**Charalambos Gasparis** | National Hellenic Research Foundation – NHRF, Athens

*The medieval Cadasters of Venetian Crete: Between Byzantine and Latin world*

**Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** | IMAFO/ABF, OeAW

*From Ostarrichi to Jerusalem: medieval Austrian diplomacy and diplomatics in the ENCHANT-project*

### 12:30–13:30 LUNCH BREAK

### 14:00–16:30 From the Danube to the Yellow Sea. A Global Medieval Tour through the Historical Centre of Vienna

guided by **Johannes Preiser-Kapeller**