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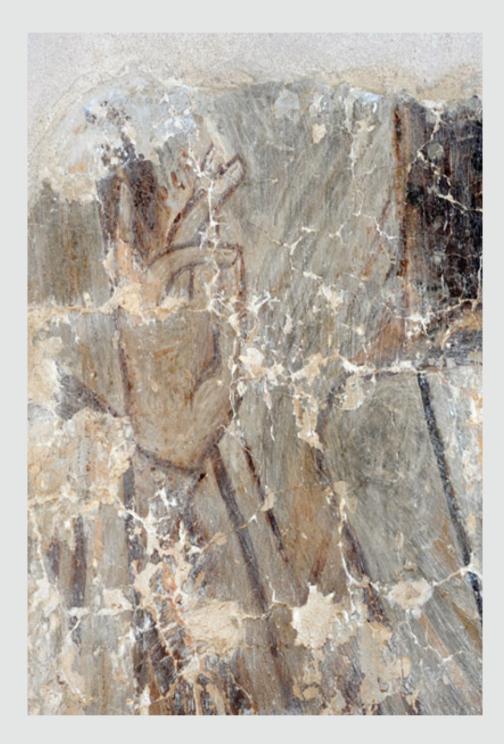
The Byzantine presence between Black Sea and Baltic: political, ecclesiastical, and cultural trends in late medieval East-Central Europe

Vilnius, 30–31 May 2024 (hybrid format)

This international conference aims to address the issue of Byzantium's political and cultural impact on the region of present-day Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, and Ukraine. What kind of interests, interest-groups and beliefs were in play in the interactions between Byzantium and its northern neighbours? Themes to be addressed in these territories include:

- The attractions of Byzantine Soft Power, its export and local reception;
- The Byzantine empire's need for military aid and material support;
- Relics diplomacy;
- The role of the patriarchate of Constantinople in creating new ecclesiastical structures;
- The Byzantine contributions to Church Union;
- Commercial networks and Italian traders
- The long-term legacy of Eastern Christendom in the lands of the Crown of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

Conference organisers: Darius Baronas, Jonathan Shepard, Sergejus Temčinas, Constantin Zuckerman (Lithuanian Institute of History)



The conference will take place at the National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania in Vilnius from 30–31 May 2024. https://www.valdovurumai.lt/en

Conference language: English

Scholars willing to participate actively as speakers are invited to submit an abstract of ca. 300 words as well as a short biographical note (about 150-250 words) to darius.baronas@istorija.lt by **31 May 2023**. Please indicate your attendance availability (in-person or virtually).

Applicants will be notified by **31 July 2023**.

The proceedings of the conference will be published as part of attempts in bridging the gap in the study of late medieval relations between Byzantium and its East-Central European neighbours in the North.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us!