

**The Istanbul Studies Center at Kadir Has University
2009 International Symposium: “Contemporary Perceptions of
Byzantium”**

Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 November

Kadir Has University, Cibali Main Campus

Koç University, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Beyoğlu

All events at Kadir Has University, unless otherwise indicated, will take place in D-Blok, Büyük Salon. Please note that all presentations are in English.

Thursday 19 November

17:00-17:30 Kadir Has University

Opening Remarks

Matthew Gumpert, Director, Istanbul Studies Center, Kadir Has University

17:30-18:30 Kadir Has University

Opening Address

Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical
Patriarch

Exploring the Spiritual Treasures of Byzantium

18:30-20:00 Rezan Has Museum, Kadir Has University

Opening Reception

Friday 20 November

9:30-10:00 Kadir Has University

Coffee

Opening Keynote

10:00-10:45 Kadir Has University

Murat Belge, Department of Comparative Literature, Istanbul Bilgi University
Byzantium? Unheard of in Istanbul

10:45-11:00 Kadir Has University

Coffee

Panel on the Historiography of Byzantium in Turkey

11:00-11:30 Kadir Has University

Nevra Necipoglu, Department of History, Boğaziçi University

Byzantine Studies in Turkey: Contemporary Trends in Historical Scholarship

11:30-12:00 Kadir Has University

Koray Durak, Department of History, Boğaziçi University

*The Representation of Byzantine History in High School Textbooks in Turkey: In
Search of Atlantis*

12:00-12:30 Kadir Has University

John Freely, Physics Department, Boğaziçi University
The Archimedes Palimpsest: Byzantium and the History of Science

*12:30-13:30 Kadir Has University, D-Blok, Hütkar
Lunch*

Panel on Byzantium in Turkish Cinema

13:30-14:00 Kadir Has University

Savaş Arslan, Department of Film and Television, Bahçeşehir University
The Turkish Byzantium: Myth versus Westernization

14:00-14:30 Kadir Has University

Buket Kitapçı Bayrı, Paris 1/Sorbonne and Boğaziçi University
*Byzantium in Turkish Cinema: The Cross-examination of Battal Gazi Films with
the Battalname*

14:30-15:00 Kadir Has University

Coffee

15:00-17:30 Kadir Has University

Film Screening of Kahpe Bizans, with a presentation by director Gani Müjde

Evening Keynote

19:00-20:00 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

İlber Ortaylı, Director, Topkapı Palace Museum
Byzantium in Turkish Thought

Saturday 21 November

10:00-10:30 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

Coffee

Sequence: The Archaeological Perspective

10:30-11:00 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

Alessandra Ricci, Department of Archaeology and History of Art, Koç University
*“Poetic Justice?”: Perceptions of Istanbul’s Landwalls from Byzantine to
Modern Times*

11:00-11:30 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

Coffee

11:30-12:00 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

Ayşe Çalık Ross, Department of Archaeology, Kocaeli University

Byzantium's Eastern Gateway

12:00-13:00 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Lunch

Sequence: Representation and Ideology

13:00-13:30 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Massimo Bernabò, School of Musicology, University of Pavia
*From Nationalisms to Iconomania: Byzantine Art History and
Twentieth-Century Ideologies*

13:30-14:00 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Coffee

14:00-14:30 Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Andrew Finkel, Journalist and Broadcaster
*The Imperial Past Encounters the Imperious Present: How Istanbul Copes with
Byzantium*

Afternoon Keynote

15:30-16.30 Kadir Has University
Robert Ousterhout, Department of the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania
The Legacy of Byzantine Architecture in Turkey

Interlude: An Introduction to Byzantine Music

16:30-17:30 Kadir Has University
Stilianos Filikos with Rembetikos Skopos and Byzantine Chanters from the
Ecumenical Patriarchate

17:30-18:00 Kadir Has University
Coffee

Evening Keynote Panel: Exhibiting Byzantium

18:00-19:30 Kadir Has University
Helen C. Evans, Mary and Michael Jaharis Curator for Byzantine Art, The
Metropolitan Museum of Art
Byzantium: More than a World of Decline and Fall

Maria Vassilaki, History of Byzantine Art, University of Thessaly, and
Scientific Advisor, Benaki Museum, Athens
Exhibiting Byzantium Today

Respondent: Alessandra Ricci, Department of Archaeology and History of Art,
Koç University

