

The Mediterranean Seminar
& the UCLA Center for Early Global Studies
present

The Mediterranean Seminar Winter 2024 Workshop Intermediaries, Middle Grounds, Middle Sea



Friday 9 & Saturday 10 February

**“Middle Grounds of Cultural Interaction
in Comparative Perspective:
The Case of Byzantium
and Muslim Anatolia”**

Rustam Shukurov
(History, University of St. Andrews)

Friday • Workshops

**“Theater of Conquest: Sovereignty and
Territorial Expansion into Africa (1492-1530)”**

• Marta Albalá-Peigrín (Cal Poly Pomona)

Respondent: Toby Yuen-Gen Liang (Academia Sinica)

**“Treasonous Translations: Resisting Roman
Hegemony in Medieval Armenia”**

• Sergio LaPorta (CSU Fresno)

Respondent: Christine Chism (UCLA)

**“Antiquity and Embassies
in Late-Ottoman Arabic”**

• Samuel England (U Wisconsin, Madison)

Respondent: Oumelbanine (Nina) Zhiri (UCSD)

**“The Fiduciary Mediterranean:
Navigating Dynamics of
Trust and Power across Language Communities”**

Claire Gilbert

(History, St. Louis University)

**Saturday • Round-Tables
Individuals as Intermediaries**

Nicole Archambeau (Colorado State Fort Collins) •
John Curry (U Nevada, Las Vegas) • Matthew Harpster
(Koç University) • Richard Ibarra (USC) • Fabien Montcher
(Saint Louis U) • Hossein Nakhaei (Pittsburgh) •
Nina Zhiri (UC San Diego)

Objects, Styles and Texts Reconfigured

Omar Artal (Eötvös Lorand U) • Thomas Barton
(U San Diego) • Patrick Morgan (UCLA) •
Joëlle Rollo-Koster (U Rhode Island) • Irina Variash
(U of St Andrews) • David Wacks (Oregon) •
David Williams (U of Saint Katherine)

Impact of Mediterranean Geography & Institutions

Christine Chism (UCLA) • Anne Le (Notre Dame) •
Toby Liang (Academia Sinica) • Roberta Morosini
(L’Orientale) • Aaron Stamper (Princeton) •
Marcus Ziemann (Princeton)

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