On October 28-29 the final meeting of the workshop series "Trans-European Diasporas: Migration, Minorities, and Diasporic Experience in East Central Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean 500-1800" is hosted by Heidelberg University.

The workshop “Military Diasporas and Diasporic Regimes in East Central Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean 500-1800” will focus on military groups and organisations and their impact on political, economic and cultural structures in East Central Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Even though military groups seem to be rather less obvious cases of trans-European diasporas, their role in mobilizing and transferring capital and personnel was indeed considerable. Military orders such as the Knights Hospitaller maintained a constant flow of money, goods, personnel and knowledge. We will therefore have a look at the ways and modes in which capital and personnel were transferred within those frameworks.
SCHEDULE

Monday, 28 October 2013

9.00-09.30h
WELCOME ADDRESS
Andrea Jördens, Head of the Institute of Papyrology Heidelberg

PANEL I: Incorporating soldiers (09.30-13.00)
Chair: Andrea Jördens (Heidelberg)

09.30-11.00h
Patrick Sänger (Heidelberg/Wien): Military diasporas in and their impact on Hellenistic Egypt
Luka Spoljaric (Budapest/Zagreb): I, Domina, Illyrico deserto litore Romam: Ottoman Wars and the Illyrian Diaspora of Renaissance Rome

11.00-11.30h Coffee break

11.30-13.00h
Roman Shlyakhtin (Budapest): Princes and Archers. Seljuk mercenaries in twelfth-century Byzantium
József Laszlovszky (Budapest): From the Varangian body-guards of the Byzantine Emperor to the Russian door-keepers of the Hungarian king

PANEL II: In Between - military diasporas and diverging religions (14.30-18.00h)
Chair: Georg Christ (Heidelberg/Manchester)

14.30-16.00h
Lajos Berkes (Heidelberg): The Persian and Islamic occupation of Egypt in the seventh century: similarities and differences
Cristian- Nicolae Daniel (Budapest): Greek-Slavonic rite men fighting for Latin rite lords and their entangled religious options

16.00-16.30h Coffee break

16.30-18.00h
Verena Schenk zu Schweinsberg (Heidelberg): Military Orders and the Encounter with the Heathen in Thirteenth-century Livonia
László Veszprémy (Budapest): Hungarians beyond Hungary in the thirteenth century: soldiers and missionaries

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PANEL III: Backbones of the empire - military diasporas and centers of power (9.00-13.00)
Chair: Daniel Ziemann (Budapest)

9.00-10.30h
Mariana Bodnaruk (Budapest): Participants in the Emperor’s Glory: The Late-antique Statues for Military Honorands in Rome
Stefan Burkhardt (Heidelberg): Soldiers between East and West around 1200

10.30-11.00h Coffee break

11.00-13.30h
Chris Mielke (Budapest): Soldiers of the Queens
Halil Evren Sünnetcioglu (Budapest): Diasporas within the Center of Power? The Clan of the Ottoman Grand Vizier Sokollu Mehmed Pasha as a Case Study

CLOSING REMARKS
Georg Christ (Heidelberg/Manchester)

18.30h
KEYNOTE LECTURE (Venue: Neue Universität)
Nikolas Jaspert (Heidelberg): Crossing borders: The Religious Military Orders and their Brethren on the Frontier