

The spread of Hellenism from the Hellenistic period onward has often been viewed in terms of a cultural transfer in which ancient Greek art, literature and philosophy are 'received' by non-Greek cultures. Taking Classical Islam and Renaissance Europe as rich case studies for the reception of Greek learning, this conference explores alternative paradigms (e.g. appropriation, construction and transformation) to understand the spread of Hellenism from the Byzantine world to the Arabic and European cultural spheres. Participants are invited to reflect on the theorization of Hellenism in their fields of study, examine conceptual strengths and pitfalls in the scholarship and explore new avenues of research in a cross-cultural and comparative context.

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Constructing Hellenism in Classical Islam and Renaissance Europe

Transfer, Appropriation and
Transformation

November 21-22, 2014

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Venue

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, main
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Please register by November 15, 2014.

Friday, November 21, 2014

9:00-9:30

Registration and Coffee

9:30-10:00

Welcome and Introduction

10:00-10:45

Dimitri Gutas (Yale University)
– Deconstructing Hellenism,
Constructing Scientism in Early Islam

11:45-11:05

Coffee and Tea

11:05-11:50

Maria Mavroudi (University of
California, Berkeley) – Translations
from Greek into Latin and Arabic
during the Middle Ages: Searching
for the Classical Tradition

11:50-12:35

Gerald Sandy (University of British
Columbia) – Guillaume Budé
(1467-1540) and the Uses of Greek

12:35-14:35

Lunch

14:35-15:20

Natasha Constantinidou (University of
Cyprus) – Constructions of Hellenism
through Teaching and Editorial
Choices: The Case of Adrien de
Turnèbe (1512-1565)

15:20-16:05

Han Lamers (Humboldt-Universität
zu Berlin & Ghent University) –
Humanist Geography and the Spatial
Construction of Hellenism in the Later
16th Century

16:05-16:25

Coffee and Tea

16:25-17:10

Bernd Roling (Freie Universität, Berlin)
– Joshia Apoll: Edmund Dickinson's
Delphi phoenicizantes and the Biblical
Origins of Hellenism in 17th-Century
England

17:10-17:55

Asaph Ben-Tov (Forschungszentrum
Gotha, Universität Erfurt) – The Role
of Greek and Greeks in Early Modern
Oriental Studies: Some Case Studies

17:55-18:30

Discussion

Saturday, November 22, 2014

9:15

Welcome

9:20-10:05

Olga L. Lizzini (Vrije Universiteit
Amsterdam) – The Question of
Truth in Greek Logic and Islamic
Revelation. Some Remarks about
Avicenna

10:05-10:50

Philippe Vallat (Institut Français du
Proche-Orient, Paris) – The Corpus
Hermeticum, the Exhortation of
Hermes to the Fallen Soul (10th
century?) and Abu Bakr al-Razi's
Newly Discovered Fragments: A
Doctrinal Comparison

10:50-11:10

Coffee and Tea

11:10-11:55

Filippomaria Pontani (Università Ca'
Foscari, Venezia) – Hellenic Verse
and Christian Humanists: The Case of
Markos Mousouros

11:55-12:30

Discussion and Closing Remarks

12:30-

Lunch