

◆ **Venue**

Keeton-Lomas Lecture Theatre
Armstrong Building (ground floor)
School of History, Classics and Archaeology
Newcastle University, NE1 7RU



◆ **Date**

Friday | 22 February 2019 | 9:00–18:00

◆ **Registration**

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HOLINESS ON THE MOVE
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Travel is a noticeable feature of hagiographic accounts of the Byzantine period. *Lives of saints* couch diverse stories of geographic mobility, from those of itinerant or vagrant holy men and women, who willingly embrace travel as a way of life and a particular form of humility, to those of displaced monks, who are forcefully driven from their spiritual abodes. Byzantine hagiographic sources thus provide considerable material that would repay investigation within the renewed scholarly interest in Byzantine travel literature.

This one-day international workshop explores travel in Byzantium in connection to Byzantine ideals of sainthood, as reflected in hagiographic compositions, and addresses a set of questions related to monastic mobility, including: what are the particularities of monastic travel in terms of modes of mobility, travel range, logistics and practicalities of voyage, interactions, contacts, adversities and opportunities encountered along the way? What are the geographical coordinates and span of the travels, as well as possible patterns of mobility? Where is travel situated within Byzantine spirituality and monasticism? How does mobility impact the spiritual and monastic trajectory of holy men and women and contribute to the spread of religious practices and ideas? How are historical realities reflected (or constructed) in hagiographic accounts of travel, in terms of descriptions of landscape, places and geographical landmarks, travel experience, and sociopolitical context? What do these accounts reveal about Byzantine mentalities and attitudes regarding travel and mobility?

PROGRAMME

9:00–9:30	<i>Registration and coffee</i>	
9:30–9:45	Welcome and Introductory Remarks Sam Turner, Mihail Mitrea Newcastle University	
9:45–10:25	Keynote Address <i>Holiness on the Move: The Mobility of Hagiographic Texts</i> Anne Alwis University of Kent	
10:25–10:40	Discussion	
10:40–11:00	<i>Tea and coffee</i>	
11:00–12:30	Session I (chair: Mark Jackson Newcastle University)	
11:00–11:20	<i>Narrating and Translating the Journeys of a Wandering Monk: The Greek Versions of the Vita Hilarionis (BHL 3879)</i> Anna Lampadari University of Oxford	
11:20–11:40	<i>Imprisoned Martyrs on the Move: Reading Holiness in Byzantine Martyrdom Accounts</i> Christodoulos Papavarnavas University of Vienna	
11:40–12:00	<i>Monastic Saints in Exile: From Political Criticism to instabilitas loci</i> Paraskevi Toma University of Münster	
12:00–12:30	Discussion	
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–15:30	Session II (chair: Mihail Mitrea Newcastle University)	
14:00–14:20	<i>Saints and Monks on the Move: The Case of Edifying Stories</i> Markéta Kulhánková Masaryk University, Brno	
14:20–14:40	<i>Boundaries of Holiness: Narrative Structure and Novelistic Heritage in John Xiphilinos' Miracula and Passio of St Eugenios of Trebizond</i> Mircea Duluş Central European University	
14:40–15:00	<i>Travel, Narrative, and Compositional Structure: Constructing Spiritual Authority in Byzantine Hagiography</i> Florin Leonte Palacký University Olomouc	
15:00–15:30	Discussion	
15:30–15:50	<i>Tea and coffee</i>	
15:50–17:20	Session III (chair: Divna Manolova University of York)	
15:50–16:10	<i>Oriental Exoticism and a Non-Roman's Roman Patriotism: The Construction of Space in the Oration on St John of Damascus by Constantine Akropolites (BHG 885)</i> Lev Lukhovitskiy Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow	
16:10–16:30	<i>St Maximos Kausokalybes and the Itinerant Holiness: Examples of Political Associations in Late Byzantine Hagiography</i> Lilly Stammel University of Oxford, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia	
16:30–16:50	<i>Spiritual Travelogues: Saints, Communities, and Holy Mountains in Late Byzantium</i> Georgios Makris The Metropolitan Museum of Art	
16:50–17:20	Discussion	
17:20–17:40	Concluding Remarks Margaret Mullett Queen's University Belfast Niels Gaul University of Edinburgh	
17:40–18:00	Roundtable discussion	

