

*Renaissance in the Borderlands:
Cultures of Humanism in the Polish
and Ottoman Empires*

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An International Conference organized by
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Conference Room



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

10 DECEMBER, 14.00

Authorities and Organizers' greeting addresses

PHYSICALITIES: GEOGRAPHERS AND PHYSICIANS IN THE OTTOMAN-POLISH BORDERLANDS

Joanna Kostylo (British School at Rome), *Italian Renaissance Physicians as Cultural Brokers on the Frontiers of Latin Christendom*

Katharina Natalia Piechocki (Harvard University), *Insular Borderlands: The Crimean Peninsula between Europe and Asia*

Discussion

Coffee Break



TRANSGRESSIONS: TRAVEL AND HERESY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Jacek Bielak (University of Gdańsk), *Martin Gruneweg's travels from Prussia to the Ottoman Empire*

Pasquale Terraciano (Scuola Normale of Pisa), *Islam and the Library of a Neverending Traveller: Bernardino Bonifacio d'Oria*

Giancarlo Casale (McGill University), *Madness and the Empires of the East*

Discussion

11 DECEMBER, 9.30

GATEWAYS: MEDIATING THE FRONTIER THROUGH LANGUAGE AND ARCHITECTURE

Nicole Kançal-Ferrari (Istanbul Şehir University), *An Italian Renaissance Gate for the Khan*



Baki Tezcan (University of California), *The Golden Gate of the Languages is Open, or is it not? Ali Ufki / Wojciech Bobowski and the limits of cosmopolitanism in the seventeenth century (and today)*

Discussion

Coffee Break

WARS OF WORDS: DEFENDING THE BORDER IN LITERATURE AND POLITICS

Danilo Facca (Polish Academy of Science), *Demostenes in Poland: Stanisław Orzechowski's Anti-Turkish Orations (1543-1544)*

Valentina Lepri (University of Warsaw), *Looking East: An Italian Military Leader at the Court of Poland*

Piotr Tafiłowiski (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University of Lubin), *The Image of the "Turk" in the European Literary Sources*

Discussion

Lunch (open to presenters and discussants only)



11 DECEMBER, 15.00

TRIANGULATIONS: HUMANISM, POLAND, AND THE TURKISH “OTHER”

Anna Skolimowska, (University of Warsaw), *The Ottoman Empire from three different perspectives: of a humanist-Erasmianist, Polish diplomat and Roman Catholic priest – case of Ioannes Dantiscus*

Michał Wasiucionek (European University Institute, Florence), *Explaining the Poles to the Ottomans and Ottomans to the Poles: Miron Costin’s Strategies of Self-Fashioning as a Trans-Imperial Broker*

Discussion

FINAL ROUND TABLE MANAGED BY

Jerzy Axer (University of Warsaw, Director of the Faculty of "Artes Liberales") and

Dariusz Kołodziejczyk (University of Warsaw, Director of the Institute of History)



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