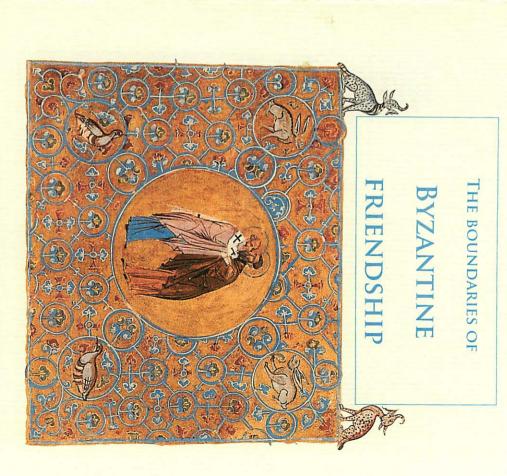
Friendship is a human connection that appears to be recognisable in many societies, indeed to be universal, but has the capacity to surprise. It is also a subject of interest in many periods (the ancient world, the eighteenth century) and disciplines (anthropology, political science, philosophy, history). The debate over Byzantine friendship in the 1980s led to general agreement that it is a profoundly important social tie, though it may have taken very different forms at different times and in different milieux. There has been some agreement that it is important to examine friendship in a comparative context, and different schools and networks have used different comparators: the Freiburg Graduiertenkolleg looks at varieties of friendship from antiquity to the modern world; the Münster Exzellenzcluster sees it in the context of religion and politics; the British Academy Friendship network has looked comparatively at the nature of friendship in western medieval Europe, Byzantium and Scandinavia. The boundaries of Byzantine friendship will be investigated in two ways: first, how friendship differs in other medieval societies, and second, in terms of its difference from other similar personal relations, from biological and fictive kinship, from patronage and lordship, from teacher-pupil relationships and erotic dyads. The presence of the three projects and of significant American scholars of friendship will allow consideration of future agendas, as well as conclusions about personal relations in Byzantium and its neighbours.

## Friday

Tea in the Founders' Room
Jan Ziolkowski and Margaret Mullett • Welcome
Margaret Mullett • Introduction: the self,
personal relations and social structures
Stephen Jaeger • Friendship and education in
St Augustine
Claudia Rapp ♦ Friendship and kinship in late
antiquity
Discussion

## Saturday

8:30	Coffee in the Study
9:00	Gerd Althoff ♦ Friendship and enmity in early
	medieval Europe: good jokes and bad jokes
	among friends
9:30	Michael Grünbart ♦ Friendship and ruler-subject
	relations in tenth-century Byzantium
10:00	Discussion
10:30	Coffee in the Study
11:00	Michael Cooperson • Friendship and alliance in
	the ninth-century Caliphate
11:30	Stratis Papaioannou • Friendship and desire in
	middle Byzantine writing
12:00	Discussion
12:30	Lunch in the Refectory
2:00	Jón Viðar Sigurðsson • Friendship and chieftaincy
	in Iceland, c. 900-1300
2:30	Emmanuel Bourbouhakis ♦ Friendship and
	patronage in the late Byzantine period
3:00	Discussion
3:30	Tea in the Study
4:00	Commentary • Julian Haseldine (British
	Academy), Christian Kühner (Freiburg),
	Sita Steckel (Münster) and final discussion
5:15	Prosecco in the Byzantine Courtyard



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