Friday, April 21, 2017

8:30 a.m.  Morning Registration and Coffee
9:00–9:15  Welcome: Elena Boeck, Dumbarton Oaks

Chair: John Duffy  
9:15–10:00  Dimiter Angelov, Harvard University  
Paul Magdalino, University of St. Andrews  
*Defining Empire*

The Roman and late antique matrix

10:00–10:45  Emma Dench, Harvard University  
*Learning from the Past, Learning from the Future: Contemporary Approaches to the Earlier Roman Empire*

10:45–11:15  Tea and Coffee

11:15-12:00  Sylvain Destephen, University of Paris  
*From Moving Center to Centralization: The Foundations of Byzantine Imperial Government*

12:00–12:30 p.m.  Discussion

12:30–2:00  Lunch

Territoriality and ethnicity  
Chair: Ruth Macrides

2:00–2:45  John Haldon, Princeton University  
*Empire and Territory: Perceptions and Realities*

2:45–3:30  Vivien Prigent, CNRS  
*One for All, All for One? Provincial Elites and the Empire*

3:30–4:00  Tea and Coffee

4:00–4:45  Anthony Kaldellis, Ohio State University  
*Was Byzantium a “Multiethnic” Empire?*

4:45–5:30  Commentator: Michael McCormick, Harvard University  
Discussion

5:30–7:30  Reception in the Orangery
Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:30 a.m. Morning Registration and Coffee

**Early medieval empires in the Roman world**
Chair: Derek Krueger

9:00–9:45 Jennifer Davis, Catholic University of America
*Rethinking Empire: The Carolingian Perspective*

9:45–10:30 Angel Nikolov, University of Sofia
*The Imperial Project of Symeon I of Bulgaria (893–927): Byzantine Frameworks and Aftermath*

10:30–11:00 Coffee and Tea

**Byzantium’s culture of empire**
Chair: Ioli Kalavrezou

11:00–11:45 Niels Gaul, University of Edinburgh
*Recording, Writing, and Enacting Empire: Officeholders as Agents of Empire in the Middle and Later Byzantine Periods*

11:45–12:30 p.m. Annabel Wharton, Duke University
*Imperial Peripheries and Holy Sepulchres*

12:30–2:15 Lunch

**Comparative contexts**
Chair: Robert Ousterhout

2:15–3:00 Cemal Kafadar, Harvard University
*The Long and Winding Road to Empire: The Sublime State from the Late Fourteenth to the Mid-Sixteenth Century*

3:00–3:45 Michael Puett, Harvard University
*Comparative Reflections on Empires in Chinese Late Antiquity*

3:45–4:15 Coffee and Tea

**Concluding paper**

4:15–5:00 Paul Magdalino, *Rethinking Theocracy*

5:00–6:00 Commentator: Maya Jasanoff, Harvard University