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30 Mar  
Th. **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
Liba Taub | University of Cambridge  
*Genres of Greek Science: Mathematics, Poetry and  
Mathematical Poetry*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

Spring Session, 2017

13 Apr  
Th. **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
Jonathan Conant | Brown University  
*Contesting the Christian Empire: The Carolingians  
in the Eastern Mediterranean*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

29 May–  
2 June **EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN  
STUDIES SPRING SESSION**  
David Thomas | University of Birmingham

1-3 June  
Th-Sat **FIFTH CEMS GRADUATE CONFERENCE**  
*Building, Bending, and Breaking Boundaries in  
the Eastern Mediterranean World*  
Nádor 9, Popper Room

9 June  
Fr. **CEMS END-OF-YEAR PARTY**

**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE FOR MA STUDENTS IN HIS-  
TORY AND MEDIEVAL STUDIES**

Students in Eastern Mediterranean Studies will focus on continuing as well as competing tradition(s) connecting the Roman Empire and its successive heirs/rivals, the Byzantine, Umayyad, Abbasid, Fatimid, and Ottoman empires, and explore their manifold ramifications to the post-Ottoman present. The specialization offers students an innovative diachronic approach, from late antiquity to the modern age, focusing on a geographical area at the crossroads of cultures and thereby unusually rich in its intellectual, social, institutional, and cultural heritage. <https://cems.ceu.edu/sems>

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David Thomas *University of Birmingham*

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CALENDAR

## CEU Eastern Mediterranean Studies

### Fall Term, 2016

- 15 Sep **CEMS WELCOME RECEPTION**  
*Th.* 5:00pm, FT, Room 409
- 22 Sep **CEMS OPENING COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Ugur Üngör | Utrecht University  
*Tigers, Wolves, and Ghosts: Contemporary Paramilitarism in Historical Context*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room  
**CEMS BEGINNING-OF-YEAR DRINKS**
- 28 Sep **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Wed.* Jointly with the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus and the Medieval Studies Department  
Young Kim | Calvin College  
*The Saints of Cyprus in Late Antiquity*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 6 Oct **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Jointly with the History Department  
Houssine Alloul | University of Antwerp  
*Before Empire: Leopold II, Colonialism and the Ottoman Mediterranean*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Popper Room
- 20 Oct **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Matthew Leigh | University of Oxford  
*The Politics of the Controversia: Declamation and Mediated Speech in Early Imperial Rome*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 27 Oct **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Jointly with the Center for Religious Studies  
Ales Chalupa | Masaryk University  
*Connecting the Dots: Delphic Oracle and the Cult of Asclepius from the Perspective of Cognitive Historiography*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room



- 3 Nov **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Nathan Gilbert | Durham University  
*No New Pleasures Under the Sun: From Lucretius to Montaigne (via Ecclesiastes)*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 17 Nov **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Giancarlo Casale | University of Minnesota  
*Did Alexander the Great Discover America?: Humanist Debate in Ottoman Istanbul*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 1 Dec **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Bernard Heyberger | E.H.E.S.S.  
*Books and Confessionalization in the Eastern Christianity (17th -18th C.)*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

### Winter Term, 2016

- 19 Jan **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Tu.* John Bodel | Brown University  
*The Botany of Death: The Use of Plants in Roman Funerary Ritual and Symbolism*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room  
followed by  
**CEMS NEW-YEAR DRINKS**
- 2 Feb **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Martin Wallraff | LMU München  
*The First Christian Emperor? Pitfalls and Aporiae in Recent Research on Constantine*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 16 Feb **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Tudor Sala | Freie Universität Berlin  
*Surveillant Antiquities: Religion and the Invention of the Surveillance Society in the Ancient World*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room



- 2 Mar **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* George Zografidis | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
*title*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
- 8 Mar **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**  
*Th.* Jointly with the History Department  
Marios Hatzopoulos | Panteion University  
*Prophecy, Rebellion, and Nationalism in Ottoman Europe*  
5:30pm, Monument Building, Room 202
- 16 Mar **ANNA CHRISTIDOU LECTURE**  
*Th.* Jointly with the Embassy of Greece in Hungary  
Margarita Voulgaropoulou | C.E.U.  
*The East in the West: Fluctuating Borders, Cross-Cultural Encounters and Evolving Identities in the Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean*  
5:30pm, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

CEU's Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, heir to the Center for Hellenic Traditions (2004/5–2009/10), promotes the study of the eastern Mediterranean and its hinterlands from antiquity, especially the Hellenistic *oikoumene* (323–30 BCE), to the end of the Ottoman period (1923 CE).

CEMS faculty provides expertise on the ancient, medieval, and (early) modern eastern Mediterranean in an internationally unique configuration, interconnected by common interest in themes such as: imperial legacies and (dis)continuities; ancient and medieval philosophical traditions and the cross-cultural transmission of knowledge; multi-religious societies; east-west interactions and economic and cultural exchanges ('Mediterraneans'). Along these trajectories the center encourages the constant rethinking and provocative transgression of existing disciplinary, and established or perceived spatial/chronological, boundaries and classifications, questioning transmitted orthodoxies and heterodoxies and actively working to privilege hitherto marginalized texts and sources.