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Hagia Sophia, Byzantine Church, Constantinople

HEP5

Byzantium Re-Visited: The Eastern Roman Empire and its Lasting Legacy

Professor John Karavas

OVERVIEW

With close reference to ancient perspectives and sources, this executive course explores the history of the Eastern Roman or “Byzantine” empire from the time of its Christianisation in the 4th century AD up to the fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in the 15th century.

Within this chronological framework, particular attention will be paid to an investigation of the prevailing social, political and economic conditions in the Eastern Mediterranean during this period, with special emphasis on their primary social, religious and cultural institutions.

In addition to a narrative of the main events that shaped the history of Byzantium during this long period of time, special emphasis will also be placed on various aspects of Byzantine history and culture, such as: the empire’s foreign and internal affairs; frontier strategy and Byzantium’s relationship with its neighbors; trade and the economy; art and architecture; the role of the emperor and the imperial administration in the government of the empire; the central role of religion in Byzantine society and culture and the emergence of the church as a dominant factor in state politics.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - SESSIONS & TOPICS

- I. Introduction: An Empire in Transition
- II. New Religion – Old Culture
- III. “Restitutor Orbis”: The age of Justinian
- IV. Defender of the Realm / The Rise of Islam: The Historical background
- V. The Age of Iconoclasm / Byzantium and the West
- VI. The Twilight years: A tale of two sides of the coin

LIVE ONLINE zoom

DATES

14 October – 2 December 2023

*Saturday and on occasion

Sunday at 12-noon ET

(No class on 1st week of November and
Thanksgiving weekend)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

11 October 2023

FEE

\$300 USD paid in full by 13 October 2023

The program fee includes access to material
on Moodle, a Zoom Registration Link, and a
certificate of participation upon program completion.
CYA Executive Alumni receive a 10% discount.

INFORMATION

For more information, email
executive-program@cyathens.org
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Program attendance is limited

Program content, dates, schedule, fees,
technology platforms, and faculty are
subject to change.

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Whit Knapp | CYA Executive Alumni (HEP1, HEP2, HEP3, HEP4)



Justinian I, also known as Justinian the Great, was the Eastern Roman emperor from 527 to 565

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In partnership with HALC (Hellenic American Leadership Council), College Year in Athens has formed the **CYA Hellenic Executive Program**. The CYA Hellenic Executive Program, dedicated to bringing CYA's rigorous academic profile in an online format, offers online **educational seminars** to all interested and who desire to further their knowledge on all topics associated with Greece, from ancient civilization to modern-day development.

Each Seminar runs for six sessions, meeting once a week, on Saturdays and, on occasion, on Sundays, at 12-noon ET for one hour, followed by an exchange of views between the participants and the professor. Sessions typically last between sixty to ninety minutes and are held in a synchronous online teaching environment (via Zoom). Participants have access to material on Moodle and a Zoom link. After each session, a recording of the lecture is available to participants.

The CYA Hellenic Executive Program has no formal education requirements, recognizing that participants come from diverse backgrounds and with varying experience in the subject of each Seminar; however, the Seminars are rigorous and require academic work. A Certificate of Participation is issued upon completion of the seminar.

FACULTY



Professor John Karavas

PhD (University of Durham)

CYA Archaeology
& History Professor

John Karavas is a graduate of the Universities of Oxford and Durham. His main areas of interest lie in the fields of Hellenistic and Roman History, Greek and Roman provincial archaeology (with a special interest in Roman frontiers) as well as ancient warfare. He has been associated with various research groups and institutes both in the U.K. and in Eastern Europe. Over the years he has participated in many excavations in Serbia, Romania and Greece and is currently the Director of excavations at Halmyris, a Greek/Roman/Byzantine military and urban site on the Danube Delta in Romania; as of 2021, he is conducting excavations on the site of Gratiana, a late Roman fort located in Romania.

In addition to several published articles, mostly on Roman frontier theory and excavation reports, his publications include *The Evolution of Roman Frontier Fortifications in the Province of Moesia Superior (1st-6th Century A.D.)*, and *War and Peace on the Danube: A Documented History of Roman Military Involvement on the Danube Frontier Region (1st-3rd Century A.D.)*; he is also currently co-editing a volume titled *The Roman Lower Danube Frontier: Innovations in Theory and Practice*.

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