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

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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

Coffee Break

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

Lunch (open to presenters and discussants only)

WARS OF WORDS: DEFENDING THE BORDER IN LITERATURE AND POLITICS

Danilo Facca (Polish Academy of Science), Demostenes in Poland: Stanislaw 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

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

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

Michał Wasiuczonek (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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