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Preliminary conference programme

Day 1. (November 20th) Moderator – Adam Lech Kubik

8:30 – 8:55 **Katarzyna Maksymiuk** (*University of Siedlce, Poland*): The Sassanid strategy against nomadic tribes in the Caucasus region.

9:05 – 9:30 **Bartosz Kontny** (*University of Warsaw, Poland*): Nomadic impact on Germanic and Balt weapons in Europe during the Migration Period.

9:40 – 10:05 **Katarzyna Czarnecka** (*National Museum of Archaeology, Poland*): Unusual spearheads dated to the Late Roman and Migration Periods from Central and Eastern Europe.

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:50 – 11:15 **Judith A. Lerner** (*New York University, USA*): Some Thoughts on Torques and Phalerae East and West.

11:25 – 11:50 **Patryk Norbert Skupniewicz** (*University of Siedlce, Poland*): Weapons, armor and horse harnesses in Tibet under Yarlung Dynasty as represented in art.

12:00 – 12:25 **Matteo Compareti** (*Shaanxi Normal University, China*): Armour and Weapons of Tishtrya: Iconographical Aspects of a Syncretic Iranian Deity.

12:35 – 13:35 Lunch break

13:40 – 14:05 **Adam Lech Kubik** (*Community Centre for Culture and Sport Legnickie Pole, University of Siedlce, Poland*): One-piece bowl helmets in Asia from the Sassanid period to the Mongol period – certain paths of evolution.

14:15 – 14:40 **Karol Żołędziowski** (*National Museum of Archaeology, Poland*), **Mikołaj Organek** (*National Museum of Archaeology, Poland*): Helmet from Mokre (Ukraine) - conservation and archaeometric research. A closer look at the eastern helmet production technology.

14:50 – 15:15 **David Nicolle** (*Nottingham University, UK*): The mysterious rawhide or leather "hooped" armour from the Euphrates area of Syria.

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15:25 – 15:55 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:25 Eleanor Sims (*Independent Scholar, USA*): Medieval Images of Arms and Armour in Illustrated Persian Texts of History and Epic Poetry.

16:35 – 17:00 Yuka Kadoi (*University of Vienna, Austria*): On the Turkoman Helmet: Legend and Reality.

17:10 – 17:35 Yoto Valeriev (*History Museum Burgas, Bulgaria*): Late nomadic amulet pendants from the Lower Danube (from the Pechenegs to the Golden Horde).

17:45 – 18:10 Lech Marek (*University of Wrocław, Poland*): "The most frightening was the hateful glare of the Tatars!" Archeological evidence of using the so-called ordynka saber in the Battle of Byczyna 1588.

End of day 1.

Day 2. (November 21st) - Moderator – Patryk Norbert Skupniewicz

8:30 – 8:55 Tevfik Orkun Develi (*Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Turkey*), **Mehmet Sait Sütcü** (*Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Turkey*): A Case Study in Conflict Archaeology: Battle of Manzikert (1071).

9:05 – 9:30 Jozsef Laszlovsky (*Central European University, Viena-Budapest, Hungary*): The Battle of Muhi: New Results of an Interdisciplinary Research Project.

9:40 – 10:05 Tomasz Stolarczyk (*Regional Museum in Jawor, Poland*), **Przemysław Paruzel** (*Copper Museum in Legnica, Poland*): Results of exploratory research on the site of the 1241 Battle of Legnica conducted between 2018 and 2023.

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:50 – 11:15 Mikalai Plavinski (*University of Warsaw, Poland*): On the way to the Baltic: Mongol raids on the lands of north-western Rus' and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the light of archaeological sources.

11:25 – 11:50 Piotr Kotowicz (*Historical Museum in Sanok, Poland*), **Tomasz Dzieńkowski** (*Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland*), **Iwona Florkiewicz** (*University of Rzeszów, Poland*), **Marcin Wołoszyn** (*University of Rzeszów, Poland*): Unexpected "guests". The Mongol invasion of Cherven in the winter of 1240.

12:00 – 12:25 Jack Wilson (*Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary*): Archaeological and Textual Accounts of Mongol Looting Practices in Hungary (1241-42).

12:35 – 13:35 Lunch break

13:40 – 14:05 Valeri Yotov (*Municipal Cultural Institute – Byala, Varna province / Archaeological Museum Varna, Bulgaria*): Cut off one ear from each corpse – truth and myths (according to some cases).

14:15 – 14:40 Balázs Nagy (*Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary*): Forms of Inclusion and Exclusion in Thirteenth-Century Hungary: Twists and Turns of the Cuman Immigration in the Period of the Mongol Invasions.

14:50 – 15:15 Arkadiusz Michalak (*Archaeological Museum of the Middle Odra River Area in Zielona Góra, Świdnica, Poland*), **Sławomir Wadył** (*University of Warsaw, Poland*): Echoes

of the Steppe: A 13th–14th Century Mace Head from Stara Łomża and Its Possible Nomadic Origins.

15:25 – 15:55 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:25 **Aleksander Piasecki** (*Podlaskie Museum in Białystok, Poland*), **Adam Lech Kubik** (*Community Centre for Culture and Sport Legnickie Pole, University of Siedlce, Poland*): Sabres from the post-Mongol invasion period from the Podlaskie Museum in Białystok – further research and the conservation process.

16:35 – 17:00 **Paulius Bugys** (*The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania, Centre of Military History, Vilnius, Lithuania*): From Steppe to Forest: The Problem of Nomadic Stirrups in Lithuania (9th-13th c.).

17:10 – 17:35 **Michal Holeščák** (*National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*): Stirrup evolution in the western steppes between 11th-14th centuries.

17:45 – 18:10 **Andrew Ó Donnghaile** (*University College Dublin, Ireland*): Mamluk Equitation and Saddles: a Practical Perspective.

End of day 2.

Day 3. (November 22nd) - Tour of selected castles in Lower Silesia – full-day trip (starts about 8:00)



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