

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING COURSE BYZANTINE ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

This intensive two-week course will provide students with an **interdisciplinary masterclass in Byzantine archaeology, art and history**. Participants will gain wide-ranging insights into the role of material culture in Byzantine life and belief, together with the role that art, architecture and practice played in shaping experiences and medieval worldviews. Students will also have the opportunity to reflect critically upon both the role of the classical past in forming late antique identities, and the reception of Byzantine cultural heritage from the formation of the Greek nation state to the present day.



Participants will benefit not only **from visits to key sites and museums both in and outside Athens** but also from **unprecedented access to the BSA Archive's 'Byzantine Research Fund' collection**. This unique archive of architectural drawings, photographs and notebooks was created from the late 19th century to the middle of the 20th century by a small team of British architects, and records Byzantine monuments in Greece, Turkey, Italy, the Near East, Egypt, and Cyprus. Students will also learn how, through the digitisation of archives such as these, Digital Humanities can transform the ways in which scholars today study Byzantium.

Teaching will be delivered in the form of lectures and seminars both in the classroom or as part of site-visits in museums and sites. Field trips will include a tour of the **Byzantine churches in Athens** and the **Byzantine and Christian Museum**, and also visits to the **Monasteries of Dafni, Hosios Loukas, and the Byzantine towns of Mystras and Monemvasia**. At the end of the course, students will produce a piece of written work and a presentation on an original research topic.

The course fee of **€800** includes accommodation in shared rooms at the BSA, where self-catering facilities are available, as well as 24-hour access to the superb **library, entry to all sites and museums, and BSA membership for one month**. The course is limited to **10 places**, and open to postgraduates, mature students, and lifelong learners. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive free one year's BSA supporter membership at Student Friend level.

This course will be taught by Dr Maria Papadaki and Dr Michael Loy.

Next course dates: 13th - 26th June 2021.

Application deadline: 31st March 2021.

A provisional course itinerary, further information, and an application form can be found on the BSA web site (www.bsa.ac.uk).