WORKSHOP: “ISLANDS AT THE FRONTIER OF THE EMPIRES IN THE MIDDLE AGES.”

Bilkent University, A Block FEASS, A-130, Friday 23 February 2018

(9.30-9.45)
Welcome speeches

Prof. Mehmet Kalpakli
(Chair, Department of History, Bilkent University)
Elif Denel
(Director of ARIT, Turkey)
Lutgarde Vandeput
(Director of British Archaeological Institute in Ankara)

(9.45-10.30)
Keynote Speaker

Prof. Leslie Brubaker (University of Birmingham)
Piercing the cultural frontier: images of the Virgin in insular churches and Byzantine heartland

Coffee break (20’)

(10.50-12.30)
I. Islands as just “another” frontier?

Matthew Harpster (Koç University)
Sicily: A Frontier in the Center of the Sea?

Luca Zavagno (Bilkent University)
“I do not know why I go to the extremes”: the Balearics and Cyprus between Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages.

Rebecca Darley (Birkbeck College)
Is an island always a hub? Sokotra, Sri Lanka and the shape of commerce in the Late Antique western Indian Ocean.

Round Table

Lunch Break (90’)

(14.00-14.45)
Keynote Speaker

Prof. Chris Wickham (University of Oxford)
The Mediterranean in the eighth century and the eleventh: a comparison

(14.45-15.45)
II. The Mediterranean Medieval Frontiers

Jonathan Jarrett (University of Leeds)
“Nests of Pirates: the Balearic Islands and la-Garde-Freinet compared”.

Francisco Moreno Martin
(University Complutense de Madrid)
Archaeology of Iberian “ecclesiastical frontiers” between 6th and 10th centuries.

Round Table and Conclusions
(15.45-16.15)
Reception