

# The Shadow of the Past

Legacy and Heritage

from

Byzantium to the Modern World

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011

ERI Building

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Colloquium for the Centre of Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham. This year the theme is 'The Shadow of the Past: Legacy and Heritage from Byzantium to the Modern World.'

What remains of the past? The colloquium will examine legacies and heritage in the East Mediterranean, between the Byzantine, Ottoman and post-imperial age. Legacy can be seen as a survival of institutions, practices, communities and mentalities but also as a symbolic resource for the construction of historical narratives, literature, visual representation and boundaries of identity. What role, if any, did legacy play in the transition between past traditions and later innovations?

And do the legacies we inherit (whether real or perceived) impact on how the past is interpreted and approached in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? We welcome contributions from postgraduate speakers of all disciplines with research interests associated with 'legacy' in the Byzantine, Ottoman or Modern East Mediterranean.

Refreshments will be provided.

Papers should be **20 minutes** in length. Please send proposals of approximately **250 words** to Frouke Schrijver FXS821@bham.ac.uk by **22<sup>th</sup> April 2011**.