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Vás pozývajú na prednášku

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Centres of representation:  
**The palaces of Byzantine aristocrats**  
(11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> centuries)



A lot of research has been undertaken on the prosopography and the development of certain aristocratic families in the Byzantine Empire, but studies on the image of aristocracy are almost totally lacking, although the need and the existence of adequate representation is evident especially in middle Byzantine sources. In my presentation I will deal with the aristocratic house of this period. Besides its residential function the aristocratic palace formed a centre of communication. It was a place to demonstrate the influence and power of a family as well. By combining and re-interpreting different kinds of sources (historiography, poetry, juridical documents, archaeological remains, and pictorial evidence) we gain both the function and organization of an aristocratic house-hold and the various ways of aristocratic self-representation and self-consciousness. According to the nature of the sources the focus of the study will be Constantinople and it will serve as a contribution to the topography and the functionality of the Byzantine capital.

Prednáška odznie v anglickom jazyku.

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