



KUDAR Update for December, 2023 and January, 2024

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Dear Everyone,

After our busy summer and autumn, I think we all welcomed the opportunity to stay on campus and focus on classes and research (and the holidays) in December and January.

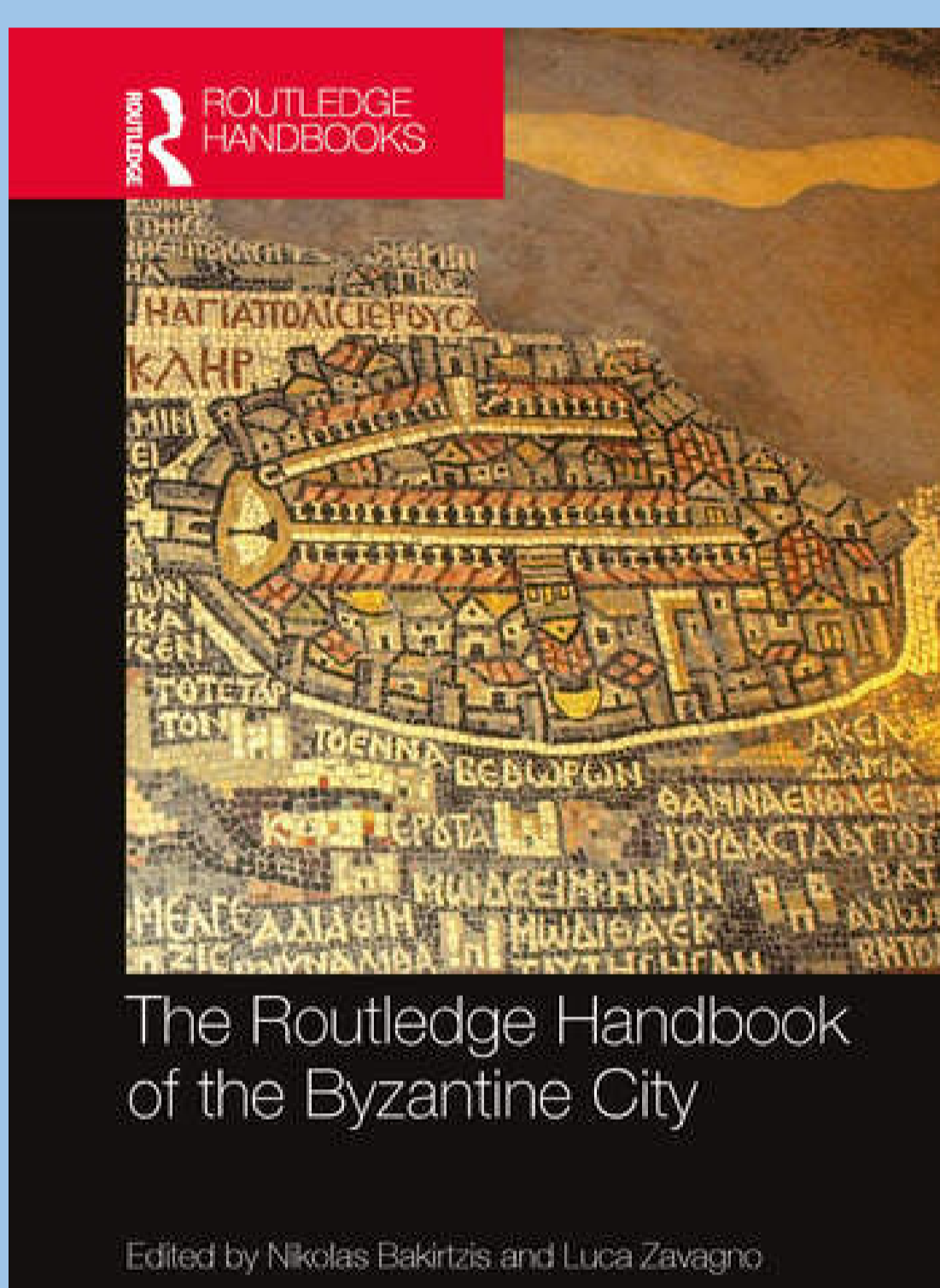
The busiest among us was Jelena Čelebić, who is focusing on the completion of her PhD research on the Maritime Cultural Landscape of the Bay of Kotor, Montenegro. In addition to her continued archival research in Kotor and examination of ship graffiti she was also interviewed by Antonela Stjepcevic on Radio Tivat, discussing her project and the need to protect the historical cultural landscape of the Bay.



In addition to her participation in the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in January, Savannah Bishop also submitted her paper for the 2023 Graduate Archaeology at Oxford (GAO) conference, on the collection of amphorae in the Minor Museum, Italy. This collection is one of two case studies in her PhD research, and her paper will be published as part of the conference proceedings.

Michael Jones participated in the 10th Annual Archaeological Meeting of the French Institute of Anatolian Studies; a conference with the theme of Black Sea Crossings that brought together participants from around the Black Sea and Europe. Michael's paper focused on the hulls of the Yenikapı Shipwrecks, and argued that – based upon dendrochronological data and other information – some of these vessels were likely built and used on Black Sea, and may represent a local type.

Michael and I are also happy to announce that our co-authored chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of the Byzantine City* was published in January. Edited by Luca Zavagno and Nikolas Bakirtzis, our chapter focuses on the contrasting roles of Constantinople and the Amalfi coast as port complexes in the Late Antique and Byzantine eras. Michael and I won't receive royalties, but I encourage everyone to purchase a copy for your library,



The center is also busy with programs and events. On January 17th, Dr. Lana Radloff was our sixth ARIT-INA-KUDAR online lecturer, discussing her ongoing investigation of women's maritime mobility networks in antiquity. We will post a link to a recording of her lecture online soon. In addition, the French Institute for Anatolian Studies and the French School at Athens visited campus on January 12th (below) to discuss possible collaborative projects and faculty exchanges with KUDAR and the other research centers affiliation with ARHA, and we're looking forward to exploring these opportunities further.



Lastly,

Our collaboration with the Universities of Oldenburg and Copenhagen, the Ocean Decade Heritage Network, and the State Archaeology Program of Schleswig Holstein continues. As part of our pursuit of the goals of the UN Ocean Decade, we're collaborating with these institutions to develop educational opportunities that integrate the management of Maritime Cultural Heritage, Marine Spatial Planning, and Climate Science. For example, in December we finished our first initiative supported by an Erasmus Mundus Design Measure to design a joint curriculum between the three disciplines, and in January I gave a guest lecture on Maritime Cultural Heritage management to MA students studying Marine Spatial Planning in Oldenburg. We're presently expanding our network to increase the impact and scope of our educational efforts; in March, we will apply for a KA220 grant from Erasmus, which will hopefully support these programs for the next three years.

May 1st, 2024

Application deadline for MA / PhD
applicants to KUDAR

Best wishes to everyone,

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