

## Female Founders in Byzantium & Beyond (Vienna, Sept 2008)

FEMALE FOUNDERS in Byzantium & Beyond

Vienna, September 23-25, 2008

Institute of Art History

University of Vienna

### CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

This international colloquium celebrates the achievements of women founders, patrons and donors in Byzantium and in neighbouring regions. It arises out of the award to the University of Vienna of a professorial chair in Gender Studies by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research in recognition of the University's record in support of women scholars. During the 2007-2008 term, courses and lecture series on Women, Men and Eunuchs; Sex and The City; The Muses; pro-seminars on Women and Power; Women and Sanctity; and The Byzantine Body; and graduate seminars on Female Founders have prepared the way for a three-day event with the international scholars most closely associated with the world-famous treasures commissioned by the female founders of Byzantium and housed in the Austrian National Library and the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.

Students and scholars are invited to submit proposals on economic, historical, art historical, archaeological, and literary aspects of gender and patronage in Byzantium and neighbouring regions. Themes related to the following topics will be most appreciated:

- Individual founders, patrons, donors
- The economic power and legal position of women
- Women and spirituality
- The processes of patronage
- Monasteries, churches, tombs and their decoration
- Texts, textiles, ivories, manuscripts, icons, jewellery, seals
- "Kleine Stiftungen": light, bread, labour, etc.

Please submit proposals for 15-minute papers, including a brief abstract (ca. 300-500 words) and a short CV as email attachments no later than May 31, 2008, to the project coordinators:

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We look forward to welcoming you to Vienna,

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