

Curriculum Vitae

Olof Heilo

Born in Lund, Skåne, Sweden, 1982

School leaving certificate from Katedralskolan, Lund 2001

M.A. in Ancient Greek, Arabic and Farsi at the University of Lund 2005

PhD in Byzantine Studies at the University of Vienna 2010

Current and previous employments

Deputy director, the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, 2016-

Lecturer, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund, 2012-

Fellowship, Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki 2016

Project assistant, Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Vienna, 2012-15

Post-doc, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund, 2011-13

Scholarship, the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, 2011

Spoken and written languages

Swedish (mother tongue, with natural comprehension of other Scandinavian languages)

English (excellent command)

German (good command)

French (quite good command)

Languages related to fields of study

Latin (School leaving certificate, Lund 2001)

Classical and Byzantine Greek (M. A. main subject, Lund 2005)

Classical and Modern Standard Arabic / Fusha (M. A. secondary subject; "Early Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic" grade A at the International Language Centre, Cairo 2005)

Persian / Farsi (M. A. third subject; with field school practice in Iran, March to April 2005, as part of Studieskolen, Copenhagen, Denmark)

Turkish (for beginners, A1-1, Sprachenzentrum Wien 2006)

Publications

Monographs

- *Eastern Rome and the Rise of Islam: History and Prophecy*, Routledge 2015.

Articles

- “Beyond Orientalism: Byzantium and the Historical Contextualisation of Islam”, in: M. Grünbart (ed.) *Verflechtungen zwischen Byzanz und dem Orient / Entanglements between Byzantium and the Orient* (Byzantinistische Studien und Texte). Berlin 2016
- “Empire of Clay and Iron: Divisions in the Byzantine state ideology and Christian apocalyptic expectations from the reigns of Heraclius to Leo III (610-718)”, *Scandinavian Journal of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 1:2015.
- “When Did Constantinople Actually Fall?”, in: Nilsson, Stephenson (eds.) *Wanted: Byzantium*, Uppsala 2014.
- “Guarding and Gardening: Syria from Byzantine to Islamic Rule”, in: Bodin, Hedlund (eds.), *Byzantine Gardens and Beyond*, Uppsala 2013.
- “The Holiness of the Warrior: Revolt and Reverence in the Acritic Borderlands”, in: Koder, Stouraitis (eds.) *Byzantine war ideology between Roman imperial concept and Christian religion*, Vienna 2012.
- Lexicon article on Nikephoros Gregoras for *Christian-Muslim Relations: a Bibliographical History* (Brill 2009-), 2011.

Editorial work

- Editor of *Dragomanen*, magazine of the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul 2016-
- Member of the editorial board of *Nidaba: an Interdisciplinary Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2016-
- Member of the editorial board of the *Scandinavian Journal of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*, 2015-
- Webmaster of the homepage of the *Nordic Byzantine Network*, 2014-

Activities

Teaching and supervision

- “The formation of Middle Eastern Modernities”, introductory course at the international M.A. Program in Middle Eastern Studies, CMES, Lund 2012-
- Supervisor at the international M.A. Program in Middle Eastern Studies, CMES, Lund

Talks

- “The Eternal Byzantine: Islamic Historiography and the non-Muslim *Other*“, paper for the roundtable discussion *Byzantium: a Narrative in Constant Change*, at the AEIB congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade, August 2016
- “The Fragile Borders of Europe”, paper for the workshop *Can a Person be Illegal? Refugees, Migrants, and Citizenship in Europe*, Uppsala, May 2016 (with prof. Ingela Nilsson)
- “The Graeco-Arabic Translation Movement between Byzantium and the Abbasids: the Case of Photius”, paper for the conference *Christianity and Judaism in the Language of Islam*, Uppsala, April 2016.
- “The end of Antiquity, the Renaissance, and the problem of cultural continuity: Jacob Burckhardt at the apex of the modern West”, paper for the conference *Reading Late Antiquity* at Vitterhetsakademien, Stockholm, May 2015.
- “Disruptions and diversity: epistemological frameworks of ideological re-orientation in the early Middle-Byzantine era”, paper for the conference *Ideologies and Identities in the Medieval Byzantine World*, Vienna, April 2015.
- “Perceptions of the Turkish Straits from Antiquity to Modernity”, introduction to the seminar *The Turkish Straits: Inquiries into a Crossroad*, Istanbul, November 2014.
- “En värld i förändring: Egypten och det moderna paradigmet från Muhammad Ali till Gamal Abd el-Nasser” (“A World in Transformation: Egypt and the Modern Paradigm from Muhammad Ali to Gamal Abd el-Nasser”), Stockholm 2014.

- “Det antika arvet, Bysans och Islam” (“The ancient heritage, Byzantium and Islam”), Uppsala 2014.
- “Forum eller bönerum? De första moskéerna i en senantik och tidigmedeltida urban kontext.” (“Forum or prayer room? The earliest mosques in an urban context from Late Antiquity to Early Middle Ages”), Uppsala, March 2014.
- “Syrien och mötet mellan den antika världen och islam” (“Syria and the encounter between the Ancient and the Islamic worlds”), Lund 2013.
- “Byzantion, Constantinople, Istanbul: Religious Diversity and Local Identity from Late Antiquity to Early Modernity”, Istanbul, October 2012.
- “Klipptdomen i Jerusalem i judiska, kristna och islamiska narrativ” (“The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem in Jewish, Christian and Muslim narratives”), Bergen 2012.

Public arrangements

- Co-arranger of the symposium *Ideologies and Identities in the Medieval Byzantine World*, Vienna, April 2015.
- Main applicant for and co-arranger of the seminar *The Turkish Straits: Inquiries into a Crossroad*, at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul 2014.
- Main arranger and moderator of the SRII research panel *Möte med mångfalden: Svenska resenärer i Osmanska riket*, Lund 2014.
- Co-arranger of the IX. International Conference of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, *Everyday Life in the Middle East*, Lund, September 2013.
- Co-arranger of, and lecturer at, the PhD course *Secularism, Nationalism and Religion* at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, October 2012.

Memberships

- *The Nordic Society of Middle Eastern Studies* (2012-)
- *Istanbulinstitutets Forskarkollegium* (2011-)
- *Nordiska Bysantinska Nätverket* (2010-)

Various

- Selected participant in the PhD course *Tre perspektiv på Bysans* ("Three Perspectives on Byzantium") at the Swedish Institutes in Istanbul, Athens and Rome, 27 October - 16 November 2008; held a lecture on recent research on "Islam in Byzantium".
- Selected participant in the PhD course *Religions in contact: from Late Antiquity to Byzantium in Asia Minor* at the Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul, 12 - 23 September 2004.
- Scholarships from the Royal Swedish Academy of Music (piano), 1992-98.