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### **EDUCATION**

- University of Birmingham, United Kingdom**  
PhD Byzantine Studies
- 2013 – 2016  
(expected)
- Thesis title: *The Byzantines and the Mongols in the Thirteenth-Century Eastern Mediterranean: A Delicate Co-existence*
  - Supervisor: Dr. Ruth Macrides, Prof. Dimiter Angelov
- University of Birmingham, United Kingdom**  
MA Byzantine Studies with Distinction
- 2011 – 2012
- Thesis title: *The Byzantines in the Eyes of the Visigothic Historians of the Iberian Peninsula*
  - Supervisor: Prof. Simon Esmonde Cleary
- National Chengchi University, Taiwan**  
BA Diplomacy, GPA 3.88
- 2004 – 2009
- Subjects: Diplomatic History, International Law, Political Economy, Political Science, Administrative Law, International Bargaining, Regional Studies (South-eastern Europe), Public Policy, Critical Thinking
- Bilkent University, Turkey**  
Exchange student, Department of History, GPA 3.83
- 2007 – 2008
- Subjects: Ottoman History, Byzantine History, Medieval Europe

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mandarin Chinese	Mother tongue
English	Fluent
Medieval Greek	Higher-Intermediate (78%/First Class, grade A in ECTS equivalent)
Turkish	Upper-Intermediate
Spanish	Upper-Intermediate
Persian	Elementary
German	Reading
French	Reading

### **AWARDS**

- 2014 Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies Journal bursary in memory of Peter Jancar for Greek Summer School at the University of Birmingham
- 2013 – 2016 College of Arts and Law Doctoral Scholarship, University of Birmingham
- 2012 Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies Journal bursary in memory of Peter Jancar for Greek Summer School at the University of Birmingham
- 2007 National Chengchi University exchange programme bursary (for Bilkent University, Turkey)
- 2005 Undergraduate Department Prize for the best result in Diplomacy (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Economic/monetary history of the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean between 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> century; diplomatic activities across the Mediterranean and the Near East after the rise of Islam; cross-cultural comparison of historiographical traditions in Byzantium, the West, the Middle East and the Far East.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES

- Nov. 2013 –
- **General Editor** of *Diogenes*
  - Editing the online journal of Gate to the Eastern Mediterranean (GEM), the postgraduate student society at the Centre of Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham
  - Issue download: <http://wp.me/P397B0-rn>
- Nov. 2011 – Sep. 2012
- **Special Research Assistant** at The Barber Institute of Fine Arts (under the supervision of Dr. Eurydice Georganteli)
  - Researching the provenance of coins in the coin collection
  - Managing research library and assisting researchers in the course of their research
- May 2012
- Paper** at the 13<sup>th</sup> postgraduate colloquium ‘Middle Earth’ on 26 May organised by the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham, with title ‘*The Byzantines in the Iberian Peninsula c.554 – c.624 AD*’, University of Birmingham

## EMPLOYMENT

- Aug. – Sep. 2013
- **Freelancer** for Global Outreach Office, Ministry of Culture, Taiwan
  - Conducting policy survey on arts management by civil society organisations
- May – Aug. 2013
- **Freelancer** for Greenpeace East Asia
  - Conducting policy research into toxics management and agricultural policy
- Nov. 2012
- **Interpreter** for Taiwan Association for Human Rights
  - Assisting the fact-finding mission of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) to Taiwan
- Sep. 2010 – Sep. 2011
- **Executive Secretary** at Judicial Reform Foundation (Taiwan)
  - Writing scripts for audio-visual materials on legal reform and human rights issues
  - Coordinating educational outreach projects involving legal professionals and the general public
  - Coordinating campaign strategy, in a team of six, for human rights issues and judicial reform

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE / QUALIFICATION

- Oct. 2013 – Jun. 2014
- **Teaching Assistant**
  - Byzantium and the Transformation of the Roman World (Module lecturer: Prof. Leslie Brubaker)
  - Barbarians and the Transformation of the Roman World (Module lecturer: Dr. Alexander Skinner)
- Sep. 2013
- **Teacher** of Chinese as a Foreign Language
  - Successfully completed the training programme at the National Taiwan Normal University

## AFFILIATIONS

- 2012 –
- GEM - Gate to the Eastern Mediterranean (Society for Students at the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies)
- 2012 –
- Committee of the Centre for West Midlands History, University of Birmingham