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European Dimensions of the Medieval Georgian School of Philosophy

Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 18:00 /1.5-2 h/ Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Building I, Room N 115

Moderator: Prof. David Prangishvili

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The Platonic Theology of Ioane Petritsi and Intellectual Life in Byzantium

Abstract: History of philosophy in Byzantium is a big drama: philosophy was profoundly known and used by Capadocian Fathers who followed Alexandrian philosophical-theological tradition (Clement, Origen), Pseudo-Dionysius Areopagite and Maximus Confessor. However, there always had been another, anti-intellectual and more mystical and prayers+asceticism oriented trend and those two trends sometimes clashed against each other.

Prof. Benedek Szigmund Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest International Importance of the Kartvelian Studies

Abstract: The Importance of studies of the Georgian language, literature and, in general, the Georgian culture surpasses the limits of the Georgian cultural space, having a great importance for understanding regional and European cultural processes. The focus of the lecture is on the history and present state of studies on Georgian culture in Hungary, on the example of the activity of the Chair of Kartvelian studies at the Eötvös Loránd University.