

Twelve Olympians under Twelve Apostles: Paganism in the Byzantine Empire

Monday, May 10, 4:30-5:30pm
[zoom registration required](#)

Engin Mert Gokcek, PhD candidate, will discuss with John Haberstroh, PhD candidate, his research on the survival and continuation of Greco-Roman paganism in the Byzantine Empire. By using evidence from fifth- to seventh-century CE Byzantine texts, Mert will analyze how pagan identity was formed in the new Christian society and how pagans related themselves to the new Christian authority in the Byzantine Empire. Mert will discuss his key research questions in the colloquium, ranging from how to reconstruct a pagan identity and pagan religious practices from the writings of Christians to what defines a “pagan.”



Image: Olympian gods, From 5th Century Manuscript “Roman Vergil” Folio 234v