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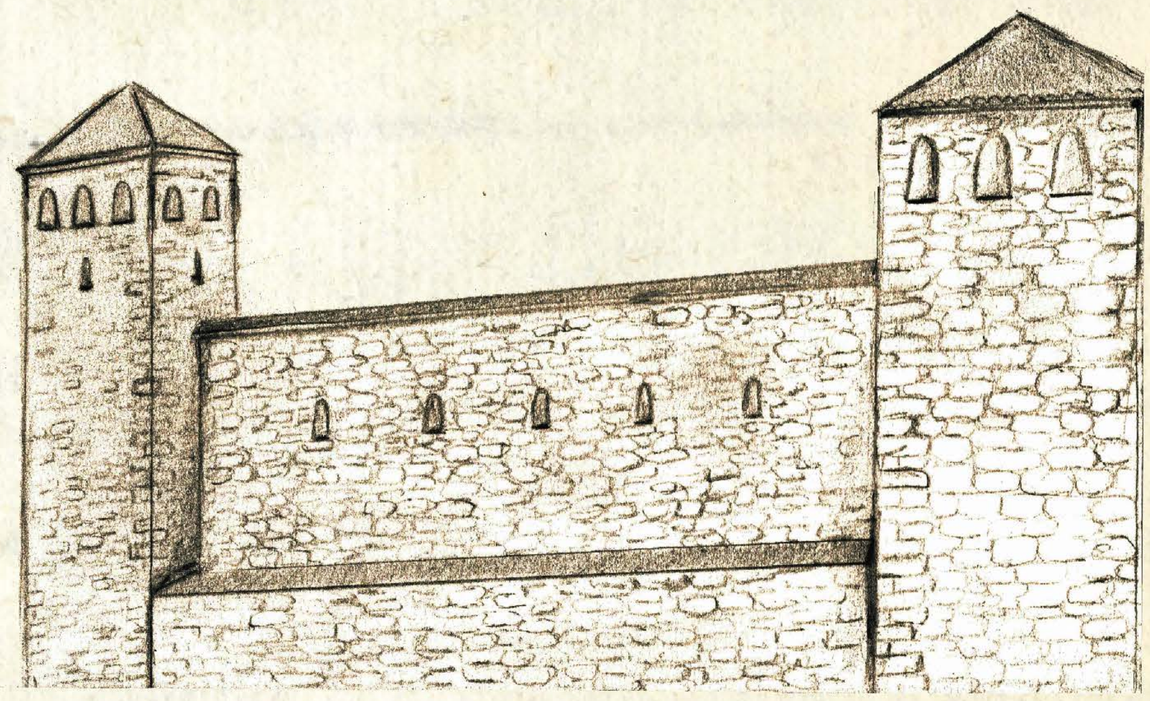
Military history of the Balkans in the Middle Ages: Conference dedicated to the 580th anniversary of the Battle of Varna (1444–2024)

Going Through War

Dear colleagues,

2024 marks the 580th anniversary of the defeat that the Hungarians and their allied Christian troops suffered at the hands of Sultan Murad II near Varna. The failure of the crusading army and the death of King Władysław III became one of the most important episodes in the complex relationship between the European states and the Ottomans. The events lefts a vivid mark on the collective memory of the parties involved - a fact that can easily be confirmed by the undying scientific and public interest in them, the numerous monuments erected and the annual re-enactments of the battle.

In order to maintain interest in these events, the team of the project "Going Through War" is pleased to invite you to the international conference "Great strife and bloodshed ensued". Military history of the Balkans in the Middle Ages: Conference dedicated to the 580th anniversary of the Battle of Varna (1444–2024)".



Although dedicated to the expeditions of the Polish-Hungarian King Władysław III, the aim of this scholarly forum is to examine a wide range of topics related to the overall process of the Ottoman conquest of the Balkans, as well as the Balkan military history from the 5th to the 16th century.

The papers to be included in the conference should be related to the following thematic categories:

1) The military campaigns of Janos Hunyadi and King Władysław III against the Ottoman Empire (1443-1444): political and military problems; reflection in medieval and early modern literature; historical memory and historiography.

2) The Ottoman conquests of the Balkans in the XIV-XV centuries: military, social and literary aspects.

3) Wars in the Balkans (VI-XV centuries) - between the ruler and the "little man". Civilian-Combatant Relations; the ideology of war and the place of non-combatants in it; impact of conflicts on society; destruction of settlements and waves of refugees.

4) Archeology of war in the Balkans during the Middle Ages (VI-XV centuries).

The conference will be held in **Varna** on **November 11, 2024** (the venue is yet to be determined).

The application for participation must contain:

1. Participant's name.
2. Academic degree and institution.
3. Title of the paper.
4. Summary of the paper (maximum 1500 characters / 200 words).
5. Keywords (up to 5).
6. ORCID number (if available).

The deadline for submission of applications is **May 31, 2024** at **balkanwarfare@gmail.com**