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Annual Lecture in Memory of Lennart Rydén

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*From Persia to Provence:  
Tales of Love in Byzantium and Beyond*

Starting out from the “tales of love” in Komnenian and Palaiologan Byzantium (12th – 15th c.), the lecture presents Medieval Greek erotic/epic fiction in a panoramic comparison with the respective works of the Frankish-Norman and Arabic-Persian medieval world. This comparison leads to the discovery of quite unexpected convergences and divergences of these three cultures in the literary representation of love and sexuality, hegemony and power, exoticism and alterity within specific historical, social and ideological contexts.

Friday, 18 October, 6:15 p.m.

In the Thunberg Lecture Hall  
SCAS, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2, Uppsala

The lecture will be followed by a reception. Prior registration is required.  
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