DID THE BYZANTINES RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAD DYNASTIES, WAS THERE A DYNASTIC ELEMENT TO THEIR POLITICS (I.E., THE PERPETUATION OF POWER WITHIN A SPECIFIC FAMILY), HOW WAS POWER TRANSFERRED FROM ONE EMPEROR (OR ONE FAMILY) TO ANOTHER? DID THEY PREFER HEIRS? SOMETIMES THEY DELIBERATELY ELEVATED OLD MEN WITH NO CHILDREN TO THE THRONE, DID THAT REPRESENT AN ANTI-DYNASTIC CURRENT AS WELL?

November 2 at 6:30 PM,
Distler Hall, Tufts University
followed by a brief reception