

Conference: The Reach of Empire - The Early Islamic Empire at Work

Oct. 11-13, 2018, Universität Hamburg

Preliminary Program

Thu., Oct. 11, 2018 Lecture Hall, Rm 221, Edmund-Siemers-Allee Ost (ESA 1 Ost)

9.00 am Registration

9.30 am **Stefan Heidemann (Universität Hamburg)**
Welcome/Introduction

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

10.00 am **Andrew Marsham (Cambridge University)**
'Ideological Reach' and the Umayyads: Legitimacy and Power in the 7th and 8th-Century Islamic Empire

10.45 am *Coffee break*

11.15 am **Maaïke van Berkel (Radboud University Nijmegen)**
Political Communication or How to Reach the Unreachable

12.00 am **Letizia Osti (Università degli Studi di Milano)**
Reaching out and Going out: Unbalances of Power in the Mid-4th/10th Century

12.45 am *Lunch Break*

2.00 pm **Eugenio Garosi (University of Basel/ LMU Munich)**
A Language of Difference: 'Imperial Arabic' as a Social Identifier in the Early Islamic Empire (642-800)

TRADE

2.45 pm **Antonia Bosanquet (Universität Hamburg)**
Trade Pattern Changes in Aghlabid Ifrīqiya

3.30 pm *Coffee Break*

4.00 pm **Simon Gundelfinger (Universität Hamburg)**
Production and Trade Patterns in Early Islamic al-Shām

4.45 pm End of Day 1

7.00 pm **Reception** - Project Office, Rm 11, Edmund-Siemers-Allee (ESA) 1

Fri., Oct. 12, 2018 **Lecture Hall, Rm 221, Edmund-Siemers-Allee Ost (ESA 1 Ost)**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AND REBELLION

9.00 am **Harry Munt (University of York)**
Oman and the Early Islamic Empire

9.45 am **Robert Haug (University of Cincinnati)**
Local, Regional, and Imperial Politics: Tabaristan and the Early Empire, Struggle and Integration at Multiple Scales

10.30 am *Coffee Break*

11.00 am **Christian Sahner (University of Oxford)**
Mardāwīj b. Ziyār (d. 323/935): The Last of the “Nativist Prophets” in Early Islamic Iran

11.45 am **Hannah-Lena Hagemann (Universität Hamburg)**
The Limits of Imperial Control: The Jazīran North in the Early Islamic Period

12.30 am *Lunch Break*

THE FISCAL REACH

1.45 pm **Peter Verkinderen (Universität Hamburg)**
Fiscal Reach of the Empire: Taxing the Province of Fārs

2.30 pm **Marie Legendre (University of Edinburgh)**
Central or Provincial Rationale? An Inquiry on Fiscal Centralization in the Early Islamic Empire

3.15 pm *Coffee Break*

3.45 pm **Stefan Heidemann (Universität Hamburg), Edmund Hayes (Leiden University)& Hugh N. Kennedy (SOAS University of London)**
Round Table: Quo Vadis, Islamic Empire studies?

5.15 pm End of Day 2

Sat., Oct. 13, 2018 Lecture Hall, Rm 221, Edmund-Siemers-Allee Ost (ESA 1 Ost)

DEALING WITH THE DHIMMĪS

- 9.00 am **Kianoosh Rezaia (Center for Religious Studies
Ruhr-Universität Bochum)**
Zoroastrianism in the Early Islamic Period: Its Participation in Abbasid
Theological-Philosophical Discourse and its Absence in the Transmission
of Sasanian Culture
- 9.45 am **Simon Pierre (Université Paris-Sorbonne)**
Ruling, Converting and Taxing the Christian Arab Tribes of Ġazīra during
the first Abbasid Century
- 10.30 am *Coffee Break*
- 11.00 am **Eline Scheerlinck (Leiden University)**
Administration and the Use of Coptic in Early Islamic Egypt. A Case Study
on Taxes and Travel

IDEOLOGICAL REACH: LEGITIMACY, LAW AND RELIGION

- 11.45 am **Uriel Simonsohn (University of Haifa)**
The Liminal Place of Converts to Islam: Language, Law, Society, and
Culture
- 12.30 pm *Lunch Break*
- 1.45 pm **Ahmad Khan (The American University in Cairo)**
Law and Empire on 8th December 923

ECONOMY AND EMPIRE

- 2.30 pm **Chris Wickham (Oxford University)**
Islamic, Byzantine and Latin exchange systems in the Mediterranean, 750-1050
- 3.15 pm *Coffee Break*
- 3.45 pm **Stefan Heidemann (Universität Hamburg)**
The Economic and Cultural Reach of the Early Islamic Empire
- 4.30 pm Wrapping up
- 5.00 pm End of the Conference