

The Origins of the Islamic State

16th-17th February 2017

UCL Institute of Archaeology

31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY

Preliminary Program

Thursday 16th February

11:15-11:30 Introduction

Corisande Fenwick (UCL)

11:30-12:30

Keynote Lecture: Early Islam in Comparative Perspective: How Different was the Caliphate?

Andrew Marsham (University of Edinburgh)

Lunch 12:30-1:30pm

1:30-2:15 Thinking the Islamic State anew

Annliese Nef (Université Paris 1- Panthéon Sorbonne)

2:15- 3:00 The early Islamic state as an economic actor

Hugh Kennedy, SOAS

3 - 3:45 Conceptualizing the Study of Early Islamic Elites

Hannah Hagemann and Peter Verkinderen, University of Hamburg

3:45 -4:15 Coffee

4:15- 5pm Paying for the Caliphate - Fiscal practice in the documents of the Abbasid period and the continuing formation of the Early Islamic State

Marie Legendre, SOAS

5pm- 5:45pm Taxation and protest against the early Islamic empire

Edmund Hayes, University of Tuebingen/ Leiden

6pm Drinks Reception

7:30 Dinner for Speakers

Friday 17th February

10: 15 How to Found an Islamic State: Rulership, Authority and City-building in Medieval North Africa

Corisande Fenwick, UCL

1100-1130 Coffee

11:30-12:15 The Malwiyya of Samarra: Symbol of Caliphal Authority

Andrew Petersen University of Wales, Trinity St David)

12:15- 1pm When the mosque was an extension of the palace: the mihrab as throne-room

Simon O'Meara (SOAS)

1-2pm Lunch

2pm-2:45 When the man of Ma'āfir ruled al-Andalus: caliphal legitimacy and power exercise in the Tenth Century

Xavier Ballestin, Universitat de Barcelona

2:45- 3:30pm Revelational Politics: Justifying the Necessity of the Caliphate in Medieval Sunni Theological Writings

Han-Hsien Liew (Harvard)

3:30pm- 4pm Coffee

4pm-4:45pm The Futuh in contemporary Muslim education in Britain

Philip Wood, Aga Khan

4:45- 5:30pm Concluding Keynote lecture : Daesh-Isis: the use and abuse of early Islamic history

Hugh Kennedy, SOAS

5:30- 6pm Final Discussion

Drinks and Final dinner for speakers