



The School of Abbasid Studies
معهد دراسات العصر العباسي

Program of the Fourteenth Conference
Tuesday July 10 – Saturday July 14, 2016 | Yale University, New Haven, USA

Hussain Alqarni; Francesca Bellino; David Bennett; Maaïke van Berkel; Monique Bernards;
Kevin van Bladel; Antonia Bosanquet; Julia Bray; Paul Cobb; Michael Cooperson; Roberta Dougherty;
Nadia El Cheikh; Matthew Gordon; Beatrice Gründler; Simon Gundelfinger; Dimitri Gutas; Najam Haider;
Paul Heck; Stefan Heidemann; Nimrod Hurvitz; Steven Judd; Matthew Keegan; Hugh Kennedy; Alexander Key;
Ahmad Khan; Pamela Klasova; Philip Lieberman; Joseph Lowry; Christian Mauder; Andrew McLaren;
Jeannie Miller; James Montgomery; Karen Moukheiber; John Nawas; Nassima Neggaz; Avigail Noy;
Bilal Orfali; Letizia Osti; Peter Pökel; Dwight Reynolds; Ignacio Sanchez; Emily Selove;
Simon Swain; Shawkat Toorawa; Deborah Tor; John Turner; Uwe Vagelpohl;
Peter Verkinderen; James Weaver; Peter Webb; Hayrettin Yücesoy; Travis Zadeh

Tuesday, July 10

WELCOME

17:00 - 19:00 Welcome Reception

Wednesday, July 11

LANGUAGE (chair: Monique Bernards)

09:00 - 09:30 Avigail Noy, Did the Abbasid Lexicographers Invent *Majāz*?

09:30 - 10:00 Alexander Key, *Al-kalām 'alā l-kalām*: Genre or Formalism?

10:00 - 10:30 *Discussant*: Joseph Lowry

10:30 - 11:00 Tea/coffee

SHI'ISM (chair: John Nawas)

11:00 - 11:30 Deborah Tor, The Parting of Ways between 'Alid Shi'ism and Abbasid Shi'ism

11:30 - 12:00 Najam Haider, Deus Ex Machina: The Use and Misuse of Yaḥyā b. 'Abdallāh (d. 187/803) in Early Historiography

12:00 - 12:30 *Discussant*: Travis Zadeh

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

KITAB AL-HAYAWAN (chair: Peter Webb)

14:00 - 14:30 Peter Pökel, Al-Jāḥiẓ (d. 255/869) as a Commentator on the Qur'ān?

14:30 - 15:00 Jeannie Miller, A Transmission History of al-Jāḥiẓ's *Kitāb al-Ḥayawān*

15:00 - 15:30 *Discussant*: Paul Heck

15:30 - 16:00 Tea/coffee

SLAVES (chair: Paul Cobb)

- 16:00 - 16:30 Matthew Gordon, Unfree Women (*jawāri*) as Moral Intercessors: The Study of Slavery in Abbasid Society
- 16:30 - 17:00 Karen Moukheibar, Men, Women and Emotions in al-Isfahānī's *al-Imā' al-Shawā'ir*
- 17:00 - 17:30 *Discussant*: Julia Bray

Thursday, July 12**THE EDGE** (chair: Kevin van Bladel)

- 09:00 - 09:30 Antonia Bosanquet, *Jund*, Berbers and Slave Routes: Rebellion in Aghlabid Tripoli
- 09:30 - 10:00 Peter Verkinderen, Dealing with the Abbasids in Fars: Local Lords, Tribal Areas, and the *dīwān*
- 10:00 - 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 10:30 - 11:00 Nimrod Hurvitz, The Qarmaṭī Scare: Public Sentiments and Political Reactions
- 11:00 - 11:30 *Discussant*: Stefan Heidemann

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- 13:00 - 14:30 Roberta Dougherty

Friday, July 13**RHETORIC** (chair: Steven Judd)

- 09:00 - 09:30 Pamela Klasová, Umayyad Oratory through Abbasid Sources
- 09:30 - 10:00 Ahmad Khan, Imperial Rhetoric and Practice under the Abbasids
- 10:00 - 10:30 *Discussant*: Matthew Keegan
- 10:30 - 11:00 Tea/coffee

MAN(HOOD) (chair: Michael Cooperson)

- 11:00 - 11:30 Francesca Bellino, Ibn Qutayba (d. 276/889) on the Physical Characteristics of Man
- 11:30 - 12:00 Emily Selove, The Apotropaic Phallus in Arabic Literature and Culture?
- 12:00 - 12:30 *Discussant*: James Montgomery
- 12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

POETRY (chair: Letizia Osti)

- 14:00 - 14:30 Hussain Al-Qarni, Bedouin Poetry in the Deserts of Hijaz and Najd during the Abbasid Era
- 14:30 - 15:00 Bilal Orfali, Against Muslim Cities: On *hijā' al-mudun* in Pre-modern Arabic Poetry
- 15:00 - 15:30 *Discussant*: Beatrice Gründler
- 15:30 - 16:00 Tea/coffee

HISTORIOGRAPHY (chair: John Turner)

- 16:00 - 16:30 Andrew Maclaren, Ibn A'tham's Archive: Quoted Materials and Narrative Structure in the *Kitāb al-Futūḥ*
- 16:30 - 17:00 Simon Gundelfinger, Exercising Control on the Ground: Governors of Abbasid al-Shām
- 17:00 - 17:30 *Discussant*: Hayrettin Yucesoy

Saturday, July 14

SCIENCE (chair: Simon Swain)

- 09:30 - 10:00 Ignacio Sánchez, *Laysa l-ṭibb bi-‘ilm*: Al-Qāḍī ‘Abd al-Jabbār’s Attack on Medicine
10:00 - 10:30 Uwe Vagelpohl, Transmitting Scientific Knowledge: Production, Use and abuse of Medical Summaries
10:30 - 11:00 James Weaver, Prophetic and Foreign Cosmologies in the Hands of 4th-century Historians
11:00 - 11:30 *Discussant*: Dimitri Gutas
11:30 - 13:00 Lunch

THE CITY (chair: Nadia El Cheikh)

- 13:00 - 13:30 Maaïke van Berkel, Water Supply in Abbasid Baghdad
13:30 - 14:00 Nassima Neggaz, Al-Karkh: A Stronghold of Imami-Shi‘ism in Early Abbasid and Buyid Baghdad
14:00 - 14:30 *Discussant*: Hugh Kennedy
14:30 - 15:00 Tea/coffee

CONFESSION (chair: Shawkat Toorawa)

- 15:00 - 15:30 Christian Mauder, Ethical Thought in Miskawayh and Ibn ‘Adī between Confessional Identity and Religious Pluralism
15:30 - 16:00 *Discussant*: David Bennett

BUSINESS MEETING (members of the School only)

- 16:00 - 17:00 Monique Bernards, Hugh Kennedy, James Montgomery, John Nawas, Shawkat Toorawa