



Conference: Regional and Transregional Elites – Connecting the Early Islamic Empire

Oct. 7-8, 2016, Universität Hamburg

Program

Fri., Oct. 7, 2016 **Universität Hamburg, Edmund-Siemers-Allee (ESA) 1, AS-Saal**

8.30 am Registration

CONCEPTUALIZATION OF REGIONAL AND TRANSREGIONAL ELITES FROM A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

9.00 am [Stefan Heidemann](#) (Universität Hamburg)
Transregional and Regional Elites

9.45 am [Peter Verkinderen](#) and [Simon Gundelfinger](#) (Universität Hamburg)
Governors in the Early Islamic Empire – A Comparative Regional Perspective

10.30 am Coffee break

TRANSREGIONAL AND IMPERIAL ELITES: RECRUITMENT, FUNCTION, NETWORKS, AND REPRODUCTION OF IMPERIAL ELITES

10.45 am [Fanny Bessard](#) (SOAS University of London)
The Twilight of the Late Antique Clerical and Landowning Elite and the Dawn of a Civilian Bourgeoisie

11.30 am [Georg Leube](#) (Universität Bayreuth)
Insult the Caliph, Marry al-Ḥasan, and Redeem your Kingdom: Freiheitsgrade of Kindī Elites During the 7th to 9th Century CE

12.15 am Lunch Break

1.30 pm [Amikam Elad](#) (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Preliminary Notes on the Term and Institution of al-Shākiriyya in Early Islam (ca. 146/635-636 – 218/833) Mainly According to the Arabic Sources

REGIONAL AND TRANSREGIONAL ELITES WITHIN THE EMPIRE: NORTH AFRICA AND EGYPT

- 2.15 pm [Cyrille Aillet](#) (Université Lumière-Lyon)
Connecting the Ibadī Network in North Africa with the Empire
(8th-9th c.)
- 3.00 pm Coffee Break
- 3.15 pm [Petra Sijpesteijn](#) (Leiden University)
Establishing Local Élite Authority in Egypt Through Arbitration and
Mediation
- 4.00 pm [Yaacov Lev](#) (Bar Ilan University)
The Civilian Ruling Elite of the Tulunid-Ikhshidid Period
- 4.45 pm Coffee Break

REGIONAL AND TRANSREGIONAL ELITES WITHIN THE EMPIRE: THE ARAB PENINSULA, SYRIA, THE
JAZĪRA, AND IRAQ

- 5.00 pm [Matthew Gordon](#) (Miami University)
Ahmad ibn Tulun and the Campaigns into Syria
- 5.45 pm [Philip Wood](#) (Aga Khan University)
Christian Elites in the Jazīra c. 730-850
- 6.30 pm Concluding Remarks

Sat., Oct. 8, 2016 **Universität Hamburg, Edmund-Siemers-Allee (ESA) 1, AS-Saal**

REGIONAL AND TRANSREGIONAL ELITES WITHIN THE EMPIRE: THE ARAB PENINSULA, SYRIA, THE
JAZĪRA, AND IRAQ (continued)

- 9.00 am [Hannah Hagemann](#) (Universität Hamburg)
Muslim Elites in the Early Islamic Jazīra: The *qāḍīs* of Ḥarrān, al-Raqqā, and
al-Mawṣil
- 9.45 am [Alison Vacca](#) (University of Tennessee)
Abbāsīd Governors of the South Caucasus and Central Asia

- 10.30 am Coffee Break
- 10.45 am [Hugh N. Kennedy](#) (SOAS University of London)
Creating an Imperial Elite: al-Mansur and the Formation of the Early Abbasid Ruling Class
- 11.30 am [Noémie Lucas](#) (Sorbonne)
Landowners in Lower-Iraq during the 8th Century: Types and Interplays
- 12.15 am Lunch Break

REGIONAL AND TRANSREGIONAL ELITES WITHIN THE EMPIRE: IRAN AND GREATER KHURĀSĀN

- 1.30 pm [Jürgen Paul](#) (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
Who Were the Mulūk Fārs?
- 2.15 pm [Ahmad Khan](#) (Universität Hamburg)
Elites and Empire in Khurāsān: The View From the Archives
- 3.00 pm Coffee Break
- 3.15 pm [Luke Treadwell](#) (The Khalili Research Center)
Muṭṭawwiʿī and Mamlūk: Military Elites in Samanid Central Asia and Beyond
- 4.00 pm Round Table – 300 Years of Empire - Cohesion and Diversity
Moderator - Stefan Heidemann (Universität Hamburg)
- 5 pm End of the Conference