



Arabic Pasts: Histories and Historiography
17-19 October 2019
Aga Khan Centre, London

Pre-Workshop Event – Wednesday 16 October, 6 pm

Launch of Najam Haider's *The Rebel and the Imam in Early Islam: Explorations in Muslim Historiography*, Cambridge University Press

Thursday 17 October

1:30 Session 1 Methods Using the OpenITI, Chair/Discussant – Johannes Stephan, Freie Universität, Berlin

Identifying “Genres” in Classical Arabic Texts: A Computer Science Approach

Ryan Muther, Northeastern University & Sarah Bowen Savant, AKU-ISMC

Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed: Computational Analysis of Writing Practices of Islamic Scholars

Maxim Romanov, AKU-ISMC/University of Vienna

Al-Maqrīzī and the Sīrat al-Yāzūrī: Studying Self-Reuse to Locate a lost Fatimid History

Mathew Barber, AKU-ISMC

3:15 Coffee/Tea

3:45 Session 2 The Kalīla wa Dimna-AnonymClassic project, Chair/Discussant – Sarah Bowen Savant, AKU-ISMC

Kalīla wa Dimna - Literary Status

Johannes Stephan, Freie Universität, Berlin

Kalīla wa Dimna - Manuscripts and Images

Khoulood Khalfallah & Rima Redwan, Freie Universität, Berlin

Towards a Versatile Open-Source Ecosystem for Computational Arabic Literary Studies

Mahmoud Kozae, Freie Universität, Berlin

5:30 Finish



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6-8 pm Launch of *Gender, Governance and Islam*, edited by Deniz Kandiyoti, Nadjé Al-Ali, and Kathryn Spellman Poots. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press/Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations.

Friday 18 October

9:30 Session 1 Chair – Hugh Kennedy, SOAS, University of London
Considering Class, Gender, and Religion in Mamlūk Historiography
Tara Stephan, New York University

Religious Pluralism in Early Islam
Robert Kevin Jaques, Indiana University

Redefining Alawite Historiography
Katrin Köster, University of Leipzig

11:15 Coffee/Tea

11:45 Session 2 Chair - Leif Stenberg, director AKU-ISMC

The Foundation of Wāsiṭ: History and Memory
Pamela Klasova, Bowdoin College

Salvation and the City: Narratives of Sacred History in Ibn 'Asākir's History of Damascus
Paula Manstetten, Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg

1:15 Lunch

2:15 Session 3 Chair – Shainool Jiwa, Institute of Ismaili Studies

History and Nostalgia in Ibn al-Ḥaṭīb's Historical Works
Mateusz Wilk, University of Warsaw

Beyond Legitimacy: Reconsidering Court Historiography in the Middle Period



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Gowaart van den Bossche, AKU-ISMC

The Almohad Caliphs, Iḥyā' and Siḥr Ḥalāl in al-Andalus
Emma Snowden, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

4 Coffee/Tea

4:30 Session 4 Chair - James McDougall, Oxford

At the Fringes of Arabic Historiography: Observations from the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea

Philipp Bruckmayr, University of Vienna

“From the Islamic West to the East: al-Qāḍī ‘Iyāḍ’s Death as an Example of a Multi-shaped Significant Past”

Javier Albarrán, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

“The Bright Star of Islamic history:” *Tariq ibn Ziyad and the Conquest of al-Andalus in Arabic and Urdu Historical Fictions*

Jack Clift, SOAS, University of London

7 pm Dinner

Saturday, 19 October

9:30 Session 1 Chair – Peter Verkinderen, AKU-ISMC

Islamicate cultural memories preserved in asānīd
Maroussia Bednarkiewicz

Ḥaddathanī narratives in al-Balādhurī’s Futūh al-Buldān
Hugh Kennedy, SOAS, University of London



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Divergent Narratives of Early Islamic History: A Case Study of the *Kutub al-Magāzī* Preserved in the *Muṣannafs* of ‘Abd al-Razzāq (d. 811/826-27) and Ibn Abī Šayba (d. 235/849)

Adrien de Jarmy, Sorbonne Université

11:15 Coffee/Tea

11:45 Session 2 Chair – Abdul Rahman Azzam, AKU-ISMC/Qatar Foundation

Writing History in the Future Tense: Colonialism and Modernity in Abu Ras’ Aja’ib al Akhbar

Arthur Asseraf, Cambridge University

The Politics of History and Reform in Modern Morocco

Itzea Goikolea-Amiano, SOAS, University of London

Historicizing and remembering the Andalusī Taifa Kingdoms (11th century)

Aurora Gonzalez Artigao, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas

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