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## **Arabic Pasts: Histories and Historiography 12-13 October 2018**

**AKU-ISMC, 10 Handyside Street; London N1C 4DN**

### **Friday 12 October 2018**

**9.30-11.00: Session 1, Writing History in the Future Tense, Chair – Sarah Bowen Savant, AKU-ISMC**

*Heaven and History: Astrology and the Construction of Historical Knowledge in Early Islam*

Antoine Borrut, University of Maryland

*Writing History in the Future Tense: Colonialism and Modernity in Abu Ras' Aja'ib al akhbar*

Arthur Asseraf, University of Cambridge

**11.00-11.15: Coffee**

**11.15: Session 2, Up close under the Ottomans, Chair – James McDougall, University of Oxford**

*Afterlives of the 'ammiyyas: the Mount Lebanon commoner leaguers of 1800-1840 in later chronicles and histories*

Peter Hill, University of Oxford

*Reading Ibrahim Fasih al-Haidari: An Everyday History of Ottoman Iraq*

Janna Aladdin, New York University

**12.45-13.45: Lunch**

**13.45- 15.15: Session 3, Using the past to identify and classify, Chair - Andreas Görke, University of Edinburgh**

*Emotion and Social Status: Examples from Arabic Literary and Documentary Sources*

Karen Bauer, The Institute of Ismaili Studies

*Taking the Tribes to the Museum: the institutionalisation of Qatari Identity*

Javier Guirado Alonso, Autonomous University of Madrid

**15.15-15.45: Afternoon Tea**

**15.45-17.15: Session 4 “Lost” Sources, Chair – Maxim Romanov, AKU-ISMC/Vienna**

*The Khwadaynamag*

Michael Bonner, University of Cambridge

*Muḥammadd b. Ishāq and the Composition of his Sīrah: A New Account*

R. Kevin Jaques, Indiana University

**Saturday 13 October 2018**

**9:30-11.00 Session 1 Authorial voices, Chair – Hugh Kennedy, SOAS, University of London**

*A Narratological Analysis of the Prose Works by ‘Umāra al-Yamanī*

Huzefa Tawawalla, University of Zurich

*Remembering the walī: politics, creed, and madhhab in the biography of Ibn ‘Abd al-Salām*

Mohamad El-Merheb, SOAS, University of London

**11:00-11.15: Coffee**

**11.15-1 Session 2 The politics of the past, Leif Stenberg, AKU-ISMC**

*Away from the Homeland: The Politics of Remembering in Amal al-‘Āmil*

Majid Montazer Mahdi, Exeter University

*Reform and Revolt through the Pen and the Sword: Ibadi Opposition to the British Informal Empire in the Arab-Persian Gulf Region of Oman*

Amal Sachedina, George Washington University

*A Candelabrum in the Great Mosque of Gaza: The First Palestinian Historical Debate and the Concept of Jewish Historical Rights*

Eli Osheroff, Hebrew University/The Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture, Leipzig

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Venue: AKU-ISMC, 10 Handyside Street; London N1C 4DN. Main Conference Room (1st Floor, 120).

All lunches and coffees will be served on the same floor, room 110.