Program Listing

Themed Day: Mamluk Past Narratives and Present Artifacts: A Meeting Halfway!
March 5

08:00  Registration

09:00  Opening Remarks

09:10  Chair: Antonella Ghersetti
Ahmad Alghizawat (University of Bonn), “The Arabic Epigraphic Habit in the Black Desert: A Presentation and Analysis of the Literary Culture and Practice of the Harra’s Mamluk Period Arabic Inscriptions”

Giacomo Ponticelli (University of Bonn), “From Landscape to History: a first light approach to the Mamluk rural landscapes of Shobak, southern Jordan”

Piotr Makowski (University of Warsaw), “Khirbat es-Sar: a Middle Islamic rural settlement in the Balqa region. A ceramological perspective”

Salama Kassem (University of Bonn), “Complementary Narratives: What we can learn about human behavior and social networks in Mamluk Petra from materials analysis and written sources”

11:00  Coffee break

11:15  Chair: Christian Mauder
Davide Ravazzoni (Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies), “ORA ET LABORA: A theological perspective on Mamluk craftsmanship through the writings of Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya”

Elias G. Saba (Grinnell College), “Cloth, Dress, and Textiles in the Work of Jamal al-Din al-Asnawi”

Büşra S. KAYA (Centre for Islamic Studies in Turkey), “Spatializing Higher Education Institutions in Mamluk Cairo: A Spatial analysis of Mamluk madrasas in the framework of Makrizi’s Khatat”

12:45  Lunch break

14:00  Chair: Warren C. Schultz
محمد أبو زيد (المجلس الأعلى للآثار بمصر)، “نقش إجازة معمارية بتجديد إحدى أبراج قلعة الضبابة في العصر المملوكي – دراسة أثرية تحليلية مقارنة”

Rabiu Yusuf (Ahmadu Bello University), “Mamluk Metalwork Objects Africa: Insight into the Material Migration International Project in Ghana and Nigeria”

Albrecht Fuess (University of Marburg), “Water for the Citadel. Re-examining the role of the Mamluk aqueduct “Sūr Mağrā al-Uyyūn” in past and present”

إسماعيل حامد (الجامعة الإسلامية بمنيسوتا)، “جوانب من التأثيرات المعمارية المملوكة في غرب أفريقيا: مقعد السلطان منسا موسى في مالي نموذجًا”
15:50  Coffee break

16:10  Chair: Bethany J. Walker
      Shouroq Munzer (University of Bonn), “A New Window on Daily Life: Archaeological methods for studying mamluk kitchen culture”
      Warren C. Schultz (DePaul University), “Coins and Chronicles during the Reigns of Sultan Faraj b. Barqūq”

19:00  Reception

Panels
March 6

09:00  Panel 1
      Diplomacy and Diplomatics Entangled in the Mamluk Period
      Chair: Élise Franssen (Liège University)
      Zacharie Mochtari de Pierrepont (Liège University), “The Meccan Sultanate as a Regional Power: Diplomatic activities and military coercion in 9th/15th century western Arabia”
      Frédéric Bauden (Liège University), “Diplomats in the Service of Diplomacy: Was the 692/1293 truce negotiated by the Kingdom of Aragon ever ratified?”
      Bogdan C. Smarandache (Liège University), “Did Mamlük Rulers Learn Diplomacy at Court? A case study in the diffusion of diplomatic knowledge”
      Élise Franssen (Liège University), “Yet Another Utility of al-Ṣafadī’s Taḏkira: Diplomats”

10:50  Coffee break

11:10  Panel 2
      Afro-Eurasian Itineraries of Mamluk Metalwork: Entangled (Art) Histories, Archaeology, and Heritage
      Chair: Vera-Simone Schulz (Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz)
      Vera-Simone Schulz (Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz), “And Really They Appear of Gold: Mamluk metalwork in Italy in an Afro-Eurasian perspective”
      Rabiu Yusuf (Ahmadu Bello University), “Africa’s Connections with the Mamluks through Metal Objects: Perspectives from Northern Nigeria”
      Daniel Kumah (University of Ghana), “Excavating Museum Storages: Reflections from Begho, a 12th to 18th century site from Ghana”
12:40 Lunch break

14:00 Panel 3
The Factional Game in Western Arabia (7th-9th/13th-15th centuries): Fragmentation, balance, and arbitration
Chair: Clarck Junior Membourou Moimecheme (University of Strasbourg)

Zacharie Mochtari de Pierrepont (Liège University), “Rasūlid Yemen and the Great Revolt of Tihāma in the mid-8th/14th Century: Factionalism, aristocracies and political order”

Eric Vallet (University of Strasbourg), “Words of Factionalism in Yemen (7th-9th/13th-15th centuries): Text mining into the Rasulid historiographical corpus”

Clarck Junior Membourou Moimecheme (University of Strasbourg), “Emiral Factional Dynamics at the Heart of the Meccan Political System (7th-8th/13th-14th centuries)”

Hanadi Abokadejah (Taybah university – al-‘Ulä), “ Factional Struggles between Meccan Scholarly Families 7th-9th/13th-15th Centuries”

15:50 Coffee break

17:00 Tarek Rajab Museum - guided tour

Panels
March 7

09:00 Panel 4
Mamluk Biographies of Rulers between Philology and Political History
Chair: Christian Mauder (Freie Universität Berlin)

Gowaart Van Den Bossche (Ghent University), “Reading and Writing Royal Biographies in the Long 13th Century: Re-assessing historiographical modes in the Ayyūbid and post-Ayyūbid world”

Takao Ito (Kobe University), “Al-Mu‘ayyad Shaykh and His Biographers”

Christian Mauder (Freie Universität Berlin), “When the Angels Descended upon Circassia: The birth and early life of the Mamluk Sultan Qânišawh al-Ghawrî (r. 1501-1516) in biographical literature”

10:30 Coffee break

10:50 Panel 5
Reception and Use of the Classical Corpus of Early Islam by the Ulama in the Mamluk Period
Chair: Mehdi Berriah (Institut français du Proche-Orient)

Mehdi Berriah (Institut français du Proche-Orient), “References to early Islam in Mamluk jihad propaganda and the construction of the image of the mujāhid sultan”

Hassan Bouali (The French Research Centre of the Arabian Peninsula), “The Transmission of Early Islamic Knowledge and the Praise of Mecca during the Mamelouk Era: The case of Muḥibb al-Dīn al-Ṭabarī (d. 694/1295)”

Jeremy Farrell (Leiden University), “Mamluk Encyclopedism and the Harmonization of “Eastern” and “Western” Corpora of Canonical Qur’anic Reading Traditions (qirā’āt)”

12:40 Lunch break
14:00 Conclusion remarks
15:00 Americani Cultural Centre – guided tour
19:00 Farewell dinner (Horizon Restaurant at Kuwait Towers)