



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
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Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

Arabic Pasts: Histories and Historiographies Workshop Schedule

Day One
Thursday, 6 October 2022
Face-to-face and Online

1:00 – 1:30 pm	Welcome Address: Leif Stenberg and Sarah Bowen Savant
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Session 1: Materials Chair: John Haldon Rulers as Shepherds <i>Petra Sijpesteijn, Universiteit Leiden</i> Calculating the population of Samarra <i>Alastair Northedge, Université de Paris I (emeritus)</i> Fortresses and Frontiers: Castles and Northern Syria in the Sultanate of Cairo <i>Angus D. Stewart, University of St Andrews</i>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Session 2: Writings Chairs: Maaïke van Berkel and Letizia Osti He Reigned as Caliph, Then He Died: The Reigns of Caliphs Versified <i>Geert Jan van Gelder, Oxford University (emeritus)</i> Hārūn al-Rashīd in Pre-Modern Arabic Literary Imaginary: Ideology of Monogamy, Harem Politics and Court Intrigues <i>Wen-chi Ouyang, SOAS, University of London</i> What is the point of a Commentary on a Historical Text and how should it be done? <i>Hugh Kennedy, University College, London and SOAS, University of London</i>
5:15 – 6:45 pm	Reception and End of Day 1

Day Two
Friday, 7 October 2022
Face-to-face and Online

10:30 – 12:30 am	<p>Session 1: Boundary Negotiation</p> <p>Chair: Lorenz Nigst</p> <p>Jewish Nahḍa Intellectuals and Historiography in Monarchic Egypt <i>Lucia Admiraal, Middle Eastern Studies, University of Groningen</i></p> <p>The Journal al-Murshid al-‘Arabī (1929/30): Fighting Sectarian Divisions with Historiography: <i>Katrin Köster, Oriental Institute and Graduate School Global and Areas Studies, University of Leipzig</i></p> <p>The Plasticity of the Jāhiliyya: Two Faces of the Ancient Arabs in al-Jāḥiẓ’s <i>Mufākharat al-jawārī wa-l-ghilmān</i> <i>Aurora Magliozzi, Università di Napoli L'Orientale</i></p> <p>Shared Pasts: The Interconfessional Nature of Arabic Historiography <i>Robert Hoyland, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University</i></p>
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>Session 2: Names Across Time and Place</p> <p>Chair: Peter Verkinderen</p> <p>The Curious Case of Zein-Al-Din Ibn Naja: an Analysis of Elite Networks in the Age of Saladin <i>Abdul Rahman Azzam & Mathew Barber, Aga Khan University, ISMC.</i></p> <p>Al-Sahmī’s <i>Ta’rīkh Jurjān</i> and the Genre of Local History <i>Andrew G. McLaren, Centro de Estudios de Asia y África El Colegio de México</i></p>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<p>Session 3: Texts and their Journeys: Part 1</p> <p>Chair: Sarah Bowen Savant</p> <p>Manuscripts and their Readers: Tracing the Career of the <i>Sirr al-asrār</i> <i>Neelam Hussain, Mingana Collection of Middle Eastern Manuscripts</i></p> <p>Use and Reuse of a Well-known Treatise on Taxation: Abū Yūsuf’s <i>Kitāb al-kharāj</i> <i>Noémie Lucas, Caliphal Finances, European Research Council Project, University of Edinburgh</i></p>

4:30 – 4:45 pm	Coffee Break
4:45 – 5:45 pm	<p>Session 4: Texts and their Journeys: Part 2</p> <p>Chair: Aslisho Qurboniev</p> <p>Narratives on knowledge and exemplary conduct practices in al-Andalus: A journey from Kufa to Cordoba <i>Estrella Samba Campos, Departamento de Lingüística, Estudios Árabes y Hebreos y de Asia Oriental, Universidad Complutense de Madrid</i></p> <p>Same Old, Same Old? - an Examination of the <i>Kitāb al-Ansāb</i> of al-Sam‘ānī (d. 562/1166) and its Later Revisions with Simple Digital Methods <i>Natalie Kraneiß, Universität Münster</i></p>
5:45 pm	End of Day Two

Day Three
Saturday, 8 October 2022
Face-to-face and Online

1:00 - 2:00 pm	<p>Session 1: Shoring Up Authority: Part 1</p> <p>Chair: James McDougall</p> <p>The Memory of ‘Uthmān b. ‘Affān and Marwanid Political Legitimacy <i>Abdulla Hassan Haidar, University of Edinburgh</i></p> <p>The Yemeni Zaydi <i>Sīra</i> and its Function: the Case of Imam Yaḥyā Sharaf al-Dīn (d. 965/1557) <i>Ekaterina (Kate) Pukhovaia, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at Leiden University</i></p>
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Coffee Break
2:15 – 3:15 pm	<p>Session 2: Shoring Up Authority: Part 2</p> <p>Chair: Kevin Jaques</p> <p>Discourses of Sovereignty in 9th/15th - Century Syro-Egyptian Historiography: between God’s Law and the Sultan’s Court <i>Jo Van Steenberghe, Ghent University</i></p> <p>The Hafsid in History: Ibn Khaldun on the Legitimacy of the Hafsid Caliphate <i>Allen Fromherz, Middle East Studies Centre, Georgia State University, Atlanta.</i></p>
3:15: – 3:45 pm	Coffee Break
3:45 – 4:45 pm	<p>Session 3: Preservation</p> <p>Chair: Dr Sohair Wastawy</p> <p>Royal Women at the Fall of the Umayyad Dynasty and Arabic Historiography: The Evidence of the <i>Rasā’il</i> (‘State Letters’) <i>Andrew Marsham, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Queens’ College, University of Cambridge</i></p> <p>Arabic as a Language of Political Organisation for Enslaved Peoples of Muslim Faith in Brazil <i>Silvia Ferabolli and Luiz Antônio Araújo, Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul</i></p>
4:45 pm	End of Workshop

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