



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
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Arabic Pasts: Histories and Historiography 6-7 October 2017

Friday 6 October 2017

9.30 Session 1 Arabic Pasts, Arabic Presents, Chair - Sarah Bowen Savant, AKU-ISMC
Welcome

The Memory of al-Andalus in al-Ghassānī's (d.1707) Travelogue (Rihla)
Sabahat Adil, University of Colorado at Boulder

Writing Women's History in Egypt, 1890-1906: Ancient Pasts as the Gendered Modern
Marilyn Booth, University of Oxford

10.45 Coffee

11.15 Session 2 Matters of Perspective, Chair - Karen Bauer, Institute of Ismaili Studies

The Colours of Early Islam
Teresa Bernheimer, SOAS, University of London

The Scholar as a Whole Person: Al-Tabarī as a Case Study in Biocritical Hermeneutics
Rebecca Williams, University of South Alabama

12.45 Lunch

13.45 Session 3 Localising History, Chair - James McDougall, University of Oxford

Situating Early Arabic Historical Writing: A Local Case Study
Edward Coghill, Christ's College Classics Department, University of Cambridge

Pharaonic Past and Coptic Historiographies in Colonial Egypt
Hiroko Miyokawa, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford

15.15 Afternoon Tea

15.45 Session 4 Matters of Form, Chair - Leif Stenberg, AKU-ISMC

An Ibadi Archive: The Buffalo Agency in Cairo (17th-20th c.)
Paul Love, Al Akhawayn University

Colonialism by Comparison
Hussein Ahmad Hussein Omar, University of Oxford

17.15 Finish



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9.00 Session 1 Authors, Texts & Their Times, Chair - David Bennett, University of Gothenburg

Al Baladhurī and His Times

Hugh Kennedy, SOAS, University of London

The Death of the Last 'Abbāsīd Caliph al-Musta 'sim bi-llāh in Baghdad (1258) as Portrayed in Late Medieval Arabic and Persian Sources

Nassima Neggaz, University of Oxford/Cardiff University

Ibn 'Asākir's 12th Century History of Damascus: A Local Biographical Dictionary

Paula Manstetten, SOAS, University of London

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Session 2 Making the Past Speak, Chair, Hugh Kennedy, SOAS, University of London

Anthologizing Animosity: al-Khafājī's Rayahānat al-alibbā and the Polemics of Arabic Literary History

Ghayde Ghraawi, New York University

Twenty-four Kingdoms: Mande Genealogies of Power in Arab Sources

Daan Sanderse, Leiden University

13.00 Finish

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