

NETWORKS AND TIES OF EXCHANGE:
TRADE AND MERCHANTS
ACROSS THE PREMODERN MIDDLE EAST (600-1600 CE)

3-4 JUNE 2021

PROGRAM



(NOTE: ALL HOURS ARE INDICATED IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN SUMMER TIME = CEST)

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 2021

2:00 – 7:00 PM CENTRAL EUROPEAN SUMMER TIME (CEST)

Chairing: Cecilia Palombo

1:45 WELCOME

2:00 Cátia Antunes (Leiden University) KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Commercial Networks in the Early Modern Period: A Perspective on Empire Building."

2:30 – 3:00 Discussion

3:00 Stefanie Schmidt (Free University of Berlin):

"Craft, trade and mercantile networks in Aswan between the late Byzantine and early Islamic period."

3:30 Chris Wickham (University of Oxford):

"Informal and formal trading associations in Egypt and Ifrīqiya, 850-1100."

4:00-4:30 Discussion

4:30—5:00 BREAK

Chairing: Petra Sijpesteijn

5:00: Reza Huseini (Leiden University):

"Conquests and Trade in the early Islamic East."

5:30: Koray Durak (Boğaziçi University):

"Non-commercial networks for the study of commerce in medieval Eastern Mediterranean: The case of Byzantine-Islamic relations."

6:00 Parvaneh Pourshariati (CUNY):

"The Abbasid Revolution, Overland Trade and the 'Opening of the Khurasan Highway.'"

6:30-7:00 Discussion

FRIDAY, 4 JUNE 2021

2:00—7:00 PM CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CEST)

Chairing: Alon Dar

1:45 WELCOME BACK

2:00 PM Peter Fibiger Bang (University of Copenhagen): KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Beyond the Silk Road – Before Capitalism: bazaars, universal empires and premodern world trade."

2:30—3:00 Discussion

3:00 PM Yasuhiro Yokkaichi (Rikkyo University):

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3:30 Fanny Bessard (University of Oxford):

TBC

4:00-4:30 Discussion

4:30 – 5:00 BREAK

Chairing: Cecilia

5:00: Khodadad Rezakhani (Leiden University):

"Post-Sasanian Commercial Kingdoms and Trade Communities in the Western Indian Ocean."

5:30 Hannah Barker (Arizona State University):

"Like Sand Grouse Flocking to Water: Merchants, Mamluks, and the Geopolitics of the Slave Trade."

6:00 Jessica Goldberg (UCLA):

"How to be rude: Jewish Merchants and Islamic epistolary culture in the eleventh century."

6:30-7:00 Discussion

CLOSING REMARKS