

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)

*\*Updated program*

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):**

"Chinese Ceramic Trade of the Hormuz Merchants in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries."

**3:30 Hugh Kennedy (SOAS University of London):**

“Taxation of trade in the early Islamic period (700-950).”

**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