

NWO, Internationalisation humanities (2009-2012)

**Late Antiquity and Early Islam
Continuity and Change in the Mediterranean
6th-10th century C.E.**

Leiden University - University of Oxford- Princeton
University -UMR 8167 (CNRS, Université Paris-
Sorbonne, Paris IV, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne,
Paris I, École Pratique des Hautes Études)

**Authority and control in the
countryside**

1st round table: September 13th-16th 2010

Conference room, Snouck Hurgronje House

Leiden University Fund,

Rapenburg 61, 2311 GJ Leiden

Program



Orient & Méditerranée - UMR8167

Day 1: Monday September 13th 2010

09.00-9.30: Introduction: Petra Sijpesteijn

**9.30-12.00: *Creating limits and letting through:
territoriality and resources***

First Panel: Chair: James Howard-Johnston

9.30 : Sobhi Bouderbala (Université Paris I - Institut français
d'archéologie orientale, Le Caire) - "An occasion for
exploration and exploitation of a newly conquered
countryside: the spring grazing of the *ğund* in the Delta and
Middle Egypt"

Discussant: Harry Munt (Oxford University)

Coffee break: 10.20-10.50

10.50: Isabelle Marthot (EPHE, Paris) - "Organizing territories
in the countryside: the sphere of authority around Aphroditô
from the 6th to 8th century"

Discussant: Michele Campopiano (Universiteit Utrecht)

11.40: Alain Delattre (Universiteit Leiden) - "Checkpoints,
Passports, and Control in Early Islamic Egypt"

Discussant: Gesa Schenke (Leiden Universiteit)

12.30-14.00 : Lunch

14.00-18.00: *Creating limits and letting through: territoriality and resources*

Second Panel: Chair. Petra Sijpesteijn

14.00: Arietta Papaconstantinou (Oxford University) – “Rural elites and the circulation of money”

Discussant: Vivien Prigent (UMR 8167, CNRS Paris)

14.50: Arezou Azad (Oxford University) – “Tamsir, decastellamento, and integration of monastery lands into early Islamic Balkh”

Discussant: Richard Payne (Princeton University)

15.40-16.10 : Coffee break

16.10 : Marie-Odile Rousset (UMR 8157, Paris) – “L'évolution des structures agraires dans les marges arides de Syrie entre le V^e et le X^e siècle”

Discussant: Marie Legendre (Universiteit Leiden – Université Paris-Sorbonne)

17.00: Jelle Bruning (Universiteit Leiden) – “The southern Egyptian border between 600 and 750: the sources revisited”

Discussant: Elif Keser (Oxford University)

18.30: Reception at the Snouck Hurgronje House

Day 2: Tuesday September 14th 2010

9.00-13.00 *Historical perspectives: sources and remote territories*

Chair: Sobhi Bouderbala

09.00: Khaled Younis (Universiteit Leiden) – “New governors identified in Arabic papyri: reflections on the contribution of documents produced in the Egyptian countryside”

Discussant: Isabelle Marthot (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)

09.50: James Howard-Johnston (Oxford University) – “Authority and Control in the Interior of Asia Minor in 7th-9th Centuries”

Discussant: Petra Sijpesteijn (Universiteit Leiden)

Coffee break: 10.40-11.10

11.10: Javier Martinez (Oxford University) – “The rural hinterland of the Visigothic capitals of Toledo and Reccopolis, between the years 400-800AD”

Discussant: Annliese Nef (Université Paris-Sorbonne)

12.00: Elif Keser (Oxford University) – “The 8th-Century Churches of the Tur Abdin”

Discussant: Marie-Odile Rousset (UMR 8167, CNRS Paris)

13.00-14.30: Lunch

14.30-18.30: *Communities and Interests: permeability of social groups*

Chair: Arietta Papaconstantinou

14.30: Michele Campopiano (Universiteit Utrecht) - "Land tenure, land tax and social conflictuality in Iraq from the Late Sassanian to the Early Islamic period (fifth to ninth centuries)"

Discussant: James Howard-Johnston (Oxford University)

15.20: Peter Verkinderen (Nederlands-Vlaams Instituut in Cairo) - "Land reclamation and irrigation programs in Early Islamic Southern Mesopotamia and Khuzistan: self-enrichment vs state control"

Discussant: Arezou Azad (Oxford University)

16.10-16.40: Coffee break

16.40: Richard Payne (Princeton University) "Violence among Christian elites in northern Mesopotamia in the late seventh and early eighth centuries"

Discussant: Simon Ford (Oxford University)

17.30: Luke Yarbrough (Princeton University) - "Upholding God's rule: Origins of Muslim juristic opposition to the state employment of non-Muslims"

Discussant: Jelle Bruning (Universiteit Leiden)

Day 3 Wednesday September 15th 2010

9.00-13.00: *Ideology and control: appointments of authority and actors, theory and practice*

Chair : Annliese Nef

09.00: Jessica Ehinger (Oxford University) - "Less is More: Early Islamic Theology as a Tool for Large-Scale Territorial Control"

Discussant: Sobhi Bouderbala (Université Paris I - IFAO)

09.50: Simon Ford (Oxford University) - "For the Priests of the Villages: Ecclesiastical Legislation and Changing Political Circumstances in the Rural Near East, from the 6th to 8th century AD"

Discussant: Lennart Sundelin (Princeton University - the American University in Cairo)

10.40-11.10: Coffee break

11.10: Petra Sijpesteijn (Universiteit Leiden) - "Qadi-s and courts in the Egyptian countryside"

Discussant: Jessica Ehinger (Oxford University)

12.00: Gesa Schenke (Universiteit Leiden) - "Monastic Control over Agriculture and Farming: New Evidence from the Egyptian Monastery of Apa Apollo at Bawit"

Discussant: Javier Martinez (Oxford University)

13.00-14.30: Lunch

14.30-18.30: *Case studies of landowning patterns*

Chair: Richard Payne

14.30: Harry Munt (Oxford University) - "Caliphal estates and properties in and around Medina in the Umayyad period"

Discussant: Peter Verkinderen (Nederlands-Vlaams Instituut in Cairo)

15.20: Marie Legendre (Universiteit Leiden - Université Paris-Sorbonne) - "Crownlands in the Egyptian countryside: Evolution of the late antique pattern and innovations in the pre-Fatimid period"

Discussant: Arietta Papaconstantinou (Oxford University)

Coffee break : 16.10-16.40

16.40: Annliese Nef (Université Paris-Sorbonne) and Vivien Prigent (UMR 8167, CNRS Paris) - "L'évolution de la propriété et des structures foncières entre la basse époque byzantine et l'Islam en Sicile"

Discussant: Alain Delattre (Universiteit Leiden)

17.30: Lennart Sundelin (Princeton University - AUC, Cairo) - "Land Tenure and Social Power in Abbasid Egypt"

Discussants: Luke Yarbrough (Princeton University) and Khaled Younis (Universiteit Leiden)

20.00: Closing dinner

Day 4 Thursday September 16th 2010

Discussions

09.00-10.00: Conclusions

Coffee Break: 10.00-10.30

10.30-12.30: Preparation of the publication and next roundtables

12.30: Lunch