

EGYPT CONNECTED
CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTERACTIONS
(500-1000 CE)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 18 JUNE:

8.30 - 9.00 welcome (with coffee)

9.00 - 9.30 Opening by Peter Sarris (Trinity College, University of Cambridge): Mediterranean Connector or Disconnecter. Egypt in its world in the Roman empire

ECONOMIC EXCHANGE

9.30-10.15 Irene Soto (New York University): Beyond Grain: Evidence for Egypt's Late Antique Production

10.15-10.45 coffee

10.45-11.30 Joanita Vroom (Leiden University): Trade activities in the Eastern Mediterranean through ceramics

11.30-12.15 Gideon Avni (Israeli Antiquities Services): A tale of two cities - Ramla and Fustat in the early Islamic period: urban development and commercial contacts

12.30-14.30 lunch

14.30-15.15 Vivien Prigent (Paris): Les liens entre l'Égypte et les provinces centrales de la Méditerranée

15.15-16.00 Yaacov Lev (Bar-Ilan University): Egypt as a gateway for North Africa: geography, settlement and Islamization, 7th-10th centuries

16.00-16.30 coffee

MIGRATION

16.30-17.15 Lucian Reinfandt (University of Vienna): Persian presence in Egypt in the 9th century

17.15-18.00 Hayat Ahlili (Leiden University): Persian influences in Arabic amulets from Egypt

FRIDAY 19 JUNE:

ARTICULATION OF POWER – CENTER AND PROVINCE

9.30-10.15 Khaled Younes: The organization of the *hajj* in early Muslim Egypt

10.15-11.00 Petra Sijpesteijn (Leiden University): The caliph in Egypt

11.00-11.30 coffee

11.30-12.15 Sobhi Bouderbala (University of Tunis): Egypt and Syria in the Umayyad period: military cooperation and power issues

12.30-14.30 lunch

14.30-15.15 Antoine Borrut (University of Maryland): The cultural memory of early Islamic Egypt

MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS, ECONOMY OF CONQUEST/FUGITIVES

15.15-16.00 Sylvie Denoix (University of Paris I): La pacification de l'Égypte et les relations avec la Nubie

16.00-16.30 coffee

16.30-17.15 Jelle Bruning (Leiden University): Jihad from Alexandria

17.15-18.00 Janneke de Jong (Leiden University): The economy of conquest and control

SATURDAY 20 JUNE:

LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

9.30-10.15 Mathieu Tillier (University of Paris-Sorbonne): Local tradition and imperial law in Umayyad Egypt

10.15-11.00 Bernhard Palme (University of Vienna): Law and legal system(s) in Byzantine Egypt

11.00-11.30 coffee

11.30-12.15 Lajos Berkes (University of Heidelberg): Village organization in Egypt and beyond, 500-800

12.15-13.00 Epilogue by Hugh Kennedy (University of London): Egyptian exceptionalism? A comparison of early Muslim administration in Egypt and Iraq
And discussion