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Eastern Iran and Transoxiana 750 - 1150

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Eastern Iran and Transoxiana, 750-1150

8 March

VENUE: Parliament Hall, South Street

8.45: Registration[♦]

9.15: Ali Ansari, Welcome

9.30: Panel 1 - Political History of the early Islamic East

Aleksandr Naymark: *The Fate of Bukhar Khudas: a pre-Islamic Dynasty in Islamic Mawaraannahr*

Minoru Inaba: *Across the Hindukush of the early Islamic period*

10.30: Coffee

11.00: Panel 2 - Cities in early Islamic Khurasan and Transoxiana

Hugh Kennedy: *Early Islamic urbanism in eastern Khurasan and Transoxania*

Tim Williams: *Merv: recent research into the development of the Islamic city, from the 8th to 13th centuries CE*

Fanny Bessard: *Integration of Transoxiana within the globalised economy of the Umayyad and early Abbasid caliphates (8th & 9th centuries)*

Andrew Peacock: *Fami's History of Herat and the tradition of local historiography in Khurasan*

13.00: Lunch

14.00: Panel 3 - The transition to an Islamic society

Firuza Melville: *Marriage: lawful and prohibited in Islam and before*

Arezou Azad: *Female public figures in mediaeval Balkh*

15.00: Tea

15.30: Panel 4 - Art and material culture

Deborah Klimburg-Salter: *Zone of Transition: The Art of Northern Afghanistan in the 7th/8th – 10th century*

Robert Hillenbrand: *Content versus context in Samanid epigraphic pottery*

Oya Pancaroglu: *The Material Culture of Medieval Nishapur in a Comparative Perspective*

[♦] There is also the opportunity to register earlier on 7 March, 16.00-17.00, New Arts Building

17.00: End of Panel 4

VENUE: Lower College Hall, St Salvator's Quad

18.00: Drinks reception (sponsored by Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame)

19.15: Conference Dinner

9 March

VENUE: Parliament Hall, South Street

9.15: Panel 5 - Political History of the Eleventh and twelfth centuries

Carole Hillenbrand: *The life and times of al-Kunduri*

Edmund Bosworth: *The Ghurids in Khurasan*

Jürgen Paul: *Rural notables, local lords? Remarks on the ra'is in 12th century eastern Iran*

Deborah Tor: *Relations between Caliph and Sultan in the Seljuq Period: A Case Study of the Reign of the Caliph al-Muqtafi*

11:15: Coffee

11:45: Panel 6 – Kingship and literature in the ninth and tenth centuries

Ghazzal Dabiri: *Genealogy and Quranic Symbols: Constructing Kings as Moral Types in 9-10th century Iranian Historiography*

Louise Marlow: *The king and his khāssa in a Samanid work of advice: relations and Responsibilities*

12.45: Lunch

14.00: Panel 7 - The Court and its Literature in the Eleventh century

Roy Mottahedeh: *Panegyrics and the description of the Ghaznavid Court*

Sarah Savant: *Al-Tha'ālibī's Memorable Thimār al-qulūb fī al-muḍāf wa-l-mansūb: A Portrait of an Eleventh-Century Cultural Broker*

15.00: Tea

15.30: Panel 8 - Islam in the mashriq

Christopher Melchert: *The early spread of Hanafism in Khurasan*

Lutz Richter-Bernburg: *Nāser-e Khosrow revisited*

16.30: End of Panel 8

19.00: Buffet dinner (for speakers) - N.B. Coach departs from Parliament Hall at 18:30

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