The Mamluk Sultanate from the Perspective of Regional and World History: Economic, Social and Cultural Development in an Era of Increasing International Interaction and Competition

Jerusalem, June 11-16, 2014
A Minerva-Gentner Israeli-German Symposium

Co-conveners: Reuven Amitai, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Stephan Conermann, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn

Thursday, June 12
Rabin Building (room 2001), Mount Scopus Campus
10:30-11:00 Opening remarks
11:00-12:00 Keynote Address: Chair: Reuven Amitai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Stephan Conermann (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)
The Mamluk Empire as a Superhub in Transregional Networks. Preliminary Remarks for a Global Historical Perspective

13:00-15:00 Open and Closed Borders
Chair: Daniella Talmon Heller (Ben-Gurion University, Beersheva)
Amalia Levanoni (University of Haifa)
The Mediterranean Basin: Division and Unity
Leigh Chipman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Medical/Legal Networks in the Mamluk Empire and Beyond
13:30-14:30 Economics and Infrastructure
Chair: Ronnie Ellenblum (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Climatic Change? Affluence, Renewal of Water Systems, Cotton Industry and the Rebuilding of the Muslim Quarter in Jerusalem during the First Half of the 14th Century
Stefan Heidemann (Universität Hamburg)
The Role of Copper in Mamluk Trade and Economy

Friday, June 13
At the Israel Institute for Advance Studies, Feldman Building, Edmond J. Safra Campus of the Hebrew University, Givat Ram
9:00-11:00 Landscapes
Chair: Ronnie Ellenblum (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Nimrod Luz (Western Galilee College)
Reconstructing the Urban Landscape of Mamluk Jerusalem: Spatial and Socio-political Implications
Bethany Walker (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)
The ‘Liquid Landscapes’ of the Late Mamluk Mediterranean: Rural Perspectives on the Ever-Evolving Sultanate

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15:30-16:30 General discussion and concluding remarks

Sunday, June 15
Rabin Building (room 2001), Mount Scopus Campus
10:00-12:00 Geographical Perspectives
Chair: Stephan Conermann (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)
Albrecht Fues (Philippus Universität, Marburg)
The Mamluks in the Geopolitical Context of the Middle East: Questions of Resources, Technology and Demographics
Kurt Franz (Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen)
Finite Empire and Ceaseless World: The Interrelation of the Mamluk dynasty with the

13:00-15:00 Military and Civilian Elites
Chair: Albrecht Fues (Philippus Universität, Marburg)
Amir Mazor (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)
The Origins of the Soft-Natured Bureaucracy in the Mamluk Period
Koby Yossef (Bar-Ilan University)
Cross-Border Hatred: Changing Attitudes towards Mongol and ‘Christian’ Mamluks in the Mamluk Sultanate

15:30-16:00 General discussion and concluding remarks
18:00-20:00 At The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem
An evening dedicated to the Centennial of Prof. David Ayalon’s Birthday, in cooperation with The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the Institute of Asian and African Studies at The Hebrew University
Chair: Michal Biran (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Greetings:
Yohanan Friedmann (The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities)
Yuri Pines (Director of the Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University)
Lectures:
Reuven Amitai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
From Turks to Mongols: David Ayalon’s Vision of the Eurasian Steppe in Islamic History
Stephan Conermann (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)
David Ayalon’s Work and the New Generation of Mamluk Studies