TIES THAT BIND
MECHANISMS AND STRUCTURES OF SOCIAL DEPENDENCY IN THE EARLY ISLAMIC EMPIRE

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

8:30 Registration
9:00 Opening remarks

RHETORIC OF DEPENDENCY IN DOCUMENTS

Chair: Alon Dar

9:30 LAJOS BERKES
‘Peace be upon you’: Arabic politeness in Greek and Coptic letters written by Christians in the 7-8th c.

9:45 ODED ZINGER
“Return to God and the brotherhood of good and excellent men”: bringing the prodigal son back home in Ayyubid Egypt

10:00 Panel discussion

11:00 Break

11:30 PETRA SIJPESTEIJN
Connecting through poverty

11:45 KAREN BAUER
Emotion, power, and persuasion in ‛Umayyad and ‛Abbāsid documents

12:00 Panel discussion
13:00 Lunch

ESTABLISHING LOYALTY FROM ABOVE

Chair: Cecilia Palombo

14:00 NOÉMIE LUCAS
A letter to an old friend: ethics and governmentality under the last Marwanids based on the study of a state letter from Hishâm b. ‛Abd al-Malik to Khâlid b. ‛Abd Allâh al-Qasri

14:15 MATTHEW GORDON
Swearing Abû al-Jaysh into office: a turn in Tulunid governance of Egypt

14:30 Panel discussion

15:30 Break

16:00 FREDERIC KRUEGER
“Father of all the monks in all the land”: new Coptic documentary evidence for the administration of the Egyptian monastic infrastructure by the new Monophysite church on the eve of the Arab conquest (late 6th century CE)

16:15 HAYRETTIN YÜCESOY
The political turn: the formation of political language in the 8th century Middle East

16:30 Panel discussion

17:30 End
COMMUNICATION AND CONTROL

Chair: Petra Sijpesteijn

9:00  NAÍM VANTHIEGHEM
Early Arabic decrees on papyrus from the Abbasid period

9:15  ELINE SCHEERLINCK
The long arm of Fustat. Governing the Egyptian countryside through letters

9:30  Panel discussion

10:30  Break

11:00  ED HAYES
The epistolary imamate: circular letters in administration in the Shi‘i community

11:15  ALON DAR
Caliphs, governors, and Arab elites: controlling the provinces in the Umayyad period

11:30  Panel discussion

12:30  Lunch

14:30  EmCo themes

MECHANISMS OF EXCLUSION AND INTEGRATION

Chair: Said Reza Huseini

15:00  SIMON PIERRE
“Eat their slaughtered animals and marry their women”… or not: Christian Arabs between Islamic and Syriac strategies of distinction (ca. 60/680-100/720)

15:15  NIMROD HURVITZ
Rulers, Ḥanābila and alleged deviants: a heated triangle

15:30  Break

16:00  Panel discussion

17:00  End
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**THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER**

### EMBEDDING POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS CONTROL

Chair: Ed Hayes

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<td>Resistance to and acceptance of the Fatimids in North Africa: the transregional Ismaili da’wa in a local context, forming a restricted religious community within a contested space</td>
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<td>Hugh Kennedy</td>
<td>The role of the Abbasid family as links between caliphs and people</td>
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<td>Marie Legendre</td>
<td>Perceptions of administrative violence: a tie that binds the early Islamic empire?</td>
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### CREATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEPENDENCY

Chair: Eline Scheerlinck

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<td>Said Reza Huseini</td>
<td>Between the Arabs and the Turks in early Abbasid Bactria (750-772): the family of Mir b. Bek al-Bamiyānī</td>
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<td>Varieties of unfreedom in Early Islam: debt bondage and sale of self and family</td>
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<td>Joanita Vroom</td>
<td>Tied to two empires: the material evidence of the Arab conquest of Sicily</td>
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**Mechanisms and Structures of Social Dependency in the Early Islamic Empire**

## Friday 6 December

### Local Elites in Contact with the Center

**Chair:** Said Reza Huseini

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<td>Georg Leube</td>
<td>Local elites during two fitnas: Al-Ash‘ath b. Qays and Muḥammad b. al-Ash‘ath and the quarter of Kinda in 7th century Kufa</td>
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### Negotiating Fiscal Responsibilities

**Chair:** Alon Dar

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<td>The meaning and significance of the Wafd institution</td>
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<td>Stefanie Schmidt</td>
<td>Messengers in Byzantine and early Muslim Egypt – small cogs but systemically relevant. With some remarks on the dossier of Menas, stratiōtēs</td>
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