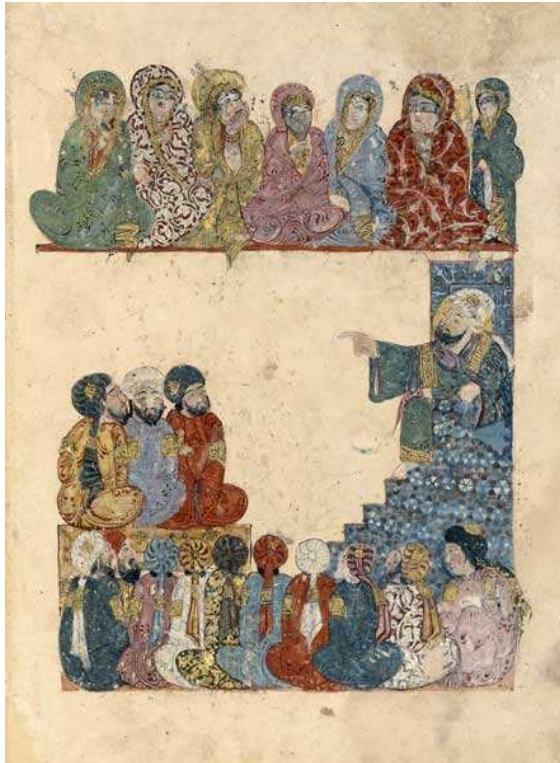


Late Antiquity and Early Islam: Continuity and Change in the Mediterranean 6th-10th century C.E:

Second Roundtable



## Minorities: Legal, Cultural and Economic Perspectives

28th-30th September 2011

University of Oxford

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Lecture Room 1

Pusey Lane, Oxford OX1 2LE

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: CHAIRS – Robert Hoyland and David Taylor

8.45 Welcome of participants

### Minorities and the Law

9.10-10.00 Zackary Chitwood (Princeton University): The Scholiasts Speak: How Middle Byzantine Jurists (6th-11th centuries) construed the Legal Status of Jews. Discussant: James Howard-Johnston

10.00-10.50 Jacob Olidort (Princeton University): The *milla* of Abraham and the Construction of an Islamic Identity. Discussant: Jessica Lee Ehinger

### 10.50-11.20 COFFEE

11.20-12.10 Lev Weitz (Princeton University): East Syrian Law in the Caliphate: Local Practices and Lettered Traditions. Discussant: Graham Barrett

12.10-1.00 Mathieu Tillier (Institut français du Proche-Orient): Dispensing justice in a minority context: the judicial administration of Upper Egypt under Muslim rule (7th-9th century C.E.). Discussant: Marie Legendre

### 1.00-2.00 LUNCH





## **Social Minorities**

2.00-2.50 Gesa Schenke (Universiteit Leiden): Christian Women in Early Islamic Egypt – A Public Minority. Discussant: Lev Weitz

2.50-3.40 Jelle Bruning (Universiteit Leiden): Arab merchants in Upper Egypt. Discussant: Khaled Younis

## **3.40-4.10 TEA**

### **Monks and Monasticism**

4.10-5.00 Christian Sahner (Princeton University): Through the Looking Glass: Monasticism and Narratives of Islamic Origins. Discussant: Audrey Dridi

5.00-5.50 Alexandra Konstantinidou (Universiteit Leiden): Between Alexandria and Fustat. The Monasteries of Wadi al-Natrun in a long transitional period (6th - 10th c.): a view from the pottery. Discussant: Jelle Bruning

5.50-6.40 Daniel Reynolds (University of Birmingham): Minority Report Monks and Pilgrims in the Early Islamic Holy Land 640-950 CE. Discussant: Nick Marinides

## **DINNER**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: CHAIRS – James Howard-Johnston and Arietta Papaconstantinou

### **Language and Literature**

9.10-10.00 Maja Kominko (University of Oxford): Syriac text, Greek illustrations, Persian context. Discussant: Petra Sijpesteijn

10.00-10.50 Jessica Lee Ehinger (University of Oxford): True Believers: The Use of Minority Status in Christian-Muslim Apologetics in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries. Discussant: Zackary Chitwood

## **10.50-11.20 COFFEE**

11.20-12.10 Alain Delattre and Janneke de Jong (Universiteit Leiden): Greek as a minority language in Early Islamic Egypt. Discussant: Maja Kominko

12.10-1.00 Khaled Younis (Universiteit Leiden): Arab writers: a new literate community? Discussant: Tba

## **1.00-2.00 LUNCH**

### **Ethnic identities: real and constructed I**

2.00-2.50 Marie Legendre (Universiteit Leiden/UMR 8167 – Paris): Minorities in the countryside: What happened of the conquerors in Early Islamic Middle Egypt? Discussant: Edward Zychowicz-Coghill

2.50-3.40 Petra Sijpesteijn (Universiteit Leiden): Arabs, Muslims and Egyptians: how do we distinguish them? Discussant: Harry Munt

## **3.40-4.10 TEA**



4.10-5.00 Sobhi Bouderbala (UMR 8167 – Paris): The Berbers of Egypt under Muslim Rule: Religious dissidence and social struggle in the pre-Fatimid Period. Discussants: Alain Delattre and Janneke de Jong

5.00-5.50 Isaac Sastre de Diego (University of Oxford) and María Ángeles Utrero (Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, CSIC, Madrid): Tracing influences in the mozarab material culture. Building technology in the 8-10th Centuries Hispanic churches. Discussant: Alexandra Konstantinidou

## DINNER

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: CHAIRS – Hugh Kennedy and Chris Wickham

### Non-Muslims

9.10-10.00 Nick Marinides (Princeton University): Christian Lay Piety in Muslim Palestine and Egypt. Discussant: Gesa Schenke

10.00-10.50 Annliese Nef (UMR 8167 – Paris): The dhimmis in Sicily IXth-Xth centuries. Discussant: Daniel Reynolds

### 10.50-11.20 COFFEE

11.20-12.10 Audrey Dridi (UMR 8167 – Paris): Christian communities in the Fustat area: worship topography and legal controversies in the Pre-Fatimid period. Discussants: Isaac Sastre de Diego and María Ángeles Utrero

12.10-1.00 Harry Munt (University of Oxford): Non-Muslims in the Hijaz in the Early Islamic Period. Discussant: Christian Sahner

### 1.00-2.00 LUNCH

#### Ethnic identities: real and constructed II

2.00-2.50 Edward Zychowicz-Coghill (University of Oxford): Minority representation in Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥakam's *Futūḥ Miṣr* : origins, roles. Discussant: Sobhi Bouderbala

2.50-3.40 Graham Barrett (University of Oxford): Arabs and Mozarabs in Christian Spain. Discussant: Jacob Olidort

3.40-4.20 James Howard-Johnston (University of Oxford): Slavs in Greece, 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Discussant: Annliese

4.20 – TEA and concluding discussion led by Hugh Kennedy and Chris Wickham

