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Syriac Christianity
(including Syriac Christianity in Kerala)

10th – 12th July 2023

Programme

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

(Venue: The Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Thomas Kremer (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany)

- 09:00-09:45 **Dr. Ayelet Dayan & Mr. Diego Barkan** (Israel Antiquities Authority)
“AN AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT AT GAN HA-DAROM (ISRAEL) IN THE BYZANTINE MIDDLE AGES.”
- 09:45-10:30 **Dr. Lihi Habas** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
“THE EARLY BYZANTINE PERIOD MOSAIC FLOOR AT GAN HA-DAROM, ISRAEL.”
- 10:30-11:15 **Prof. Yaron Z. Eliav** (University of Michigan, USA)
“RABBIS AND SYRIAC CHURCH LEADERS ON ATTENDING PUBLIC ROMAN BATHHOUSES.”
- 11:15-11:45 *Tea/Coffee*

Chairperson: Dr. Richard Dumbrell (Independent scholar in Ancient Near Eastern Musicology, London)

Theme: *The Liturgical Music of Syriac Christianity*

- 11:45-12:30 **Revd. Dr. Youssef Tannous** (Université Saint Esprit, Kaslik, Lebanon*)
“INTRODUCTION AUX CHANTS SACRÉS DE L'ÉGLISE ANTIOCHIENNE SYRIAQUE MARONITE.”
- 12:30-13:15 **Dr. Eve G. Sada** (CSWR - Harvard University, MA, USA)
“SYRIAC SACRED CHANT IN THE ASSYRIAN CHURCH: A CONTINUATION OF AN EARLY CHANT TRADITION PRESERVED BY THE ASSYRIAN COMMUNITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DIASPORA.”
- 13:15-14:00 **Dr. Gabriel S. Aydin** (Syriac Music Institute, Cumberland, RI, USA*)
“INTRODUCTION TO THE CHANT OF THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ANTIOCH.”
- 14:00-15:30 *Free Lunch in the Oxford City Centre*
- 15:30-16:00 *Tea/coffee at the Institute of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*
- 16:30-17:15 **Dr. Luise Marion Frenkel** (Goette Universität Frankfurt, Germany)

“AN EARLY FIFTH CENTURY SYRIAC ‘THEOPHANY’ AND THE RECEPTION OF EUSEBIUS OF CAESAREA.”

17:15-18:00 **Prof. Dr Mateusz Rafal Potoczny** (University of Opole, Poland)

“SYRIAC LITURGY AS A MEAN EXPRESSING GENUINE SYRIAC IDENTITY.”

18:00-19:00 **Prof. David G. K. Taylor** (University of Oxford)

“SUBJECT TO BE DEFINED.”

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

(Venue: The Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Chairperson: Dr. Sebastian Brock (University of Oxford)

09:00-09:45 **Dr. Martin Thomas Antony** (Independent Scholar, England, UK)

“OPEN SPACE CROSSES OF SAINT THOMAS CHRISTIANS: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF WORSHIP PATTERN OF ANCIENT DRAVIDIANS AND THE SAINT THOMAS CHRISTIANS.”

09:45-10:30 **Dr. Erica Hunter** (University of Cambridge)

“MS. OR. 2480. A CHRISTIAN AMULET?”

Theme: Festschrift for Professor Emeritus Rifaat Ebied

10:30-11:15 **Dr. Erica Hunter** (University of Cambridge)

“PRESENTATION OF THE FESTSCHRIFT.”

Prof. Emeritus Rifaat Ebied (University of SYDNEY)

“ADDRESS.”

11:15-11:45 *Tea/Coffee*

Chairperson: Prof. Emeritus John Healey (University of Manchester)

11:45-12:30 **Dr. Sebastian Brock** (University of Oxford)

“RECOVERING LOCAL HISTORY: ORDINATION AND OTHER RECORDS IN SYRIAC MANUSCRIPTS.”

12:30-13:15 **Mr. Charles Carman** (Catholic University of America, USA)

“THE ECCLESIOLOGY OF NARSAI: A REVIEW OF SCHOLARSHIP REGARDING THE ECCLESIOLOGY OF THE CHURCH OF THE EAST.”

13:15-14:00 **Dr. Silvio Roggo** (University of Frankfurt, Germany)

“THE ‘PAGAN AFFAIR’ OF 580 RECONSIDERED.”

14:00-16:00 *Free Lunch in the Oxford City Centre*

16:00-16:30 *Tea/coffee at the Institute of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*

Chairperson: Dr. Alison Salvesen (University of Oxford)

Theme: Syriac Monasticism

16:30-17:15 **Dr. Shafiq Abouzayd** (University of Oxford)

“THE IDENTITY OF ISAAC THE HERMIT IN BEDJAN’S *HOMILIAE S. ISAACI SYRI ANTIOCHENI*.”

17:15-18:00 **Dr. Borja W. González Fernández** (Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey)

“THE MYSTICAL MODEL IN SYRIAC: HINDIYYA AL-‘UJAYMI, RAFQA AL-RAYYIS, AND THE MARONITE CHURCH (18TH-20TH CC.)”

18:00-19:00 **Dr. Simon Brelaud** (University of California, Berkeley) & **Dr. Simon Pierre** (Université de la Sorbonne/Institut français du Proche-Orient, Paris)

“POST-SASSANIAN MONASTICISM: A REAPPRAISAL OF TEXTUAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE IN EARLY ISLAMIC NORTHERN IRAQ (7TH-8TH CENT.)”

19:00-22:00 **Banquet**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

(Venue: The Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Chairperson: **Dr. Erica Hunter** (University of Cambridge)

- 09:00-09:45 **Dr. Nicholas Al-Jeloo** (Independent scholar, Mardin, Turkey)
“BUILD ME A HOUSE: ARCHITECTURE AND HAGIOGRAPHY IN LATE ANTIQUE HAKKARI, 200-500”
- 09:45-10:30 **Rev. Dr. Moon Yuen Garry Pang** (Independent scholar, Hong Kong)
“FROM THE TEXT OF JINGJIAO MONUMENT FOR THE PRIEST OF JINGJIAO YISI AND THE TANG SANGAI FIGURINE OF FOREIGN MILITARY OFFICER TO ANALYSIS THE STATUS OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SOLDIERS DURING THE TANG DYNASTY OF ANCIENT CHINA.”
- 10:30-11:15 **Mr. Robert-Louis Isaf** (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg Germany)
“BARHEBRAEUS’ VERSE WITHIN HIS OWN CANON.”

11:15-11:45 *Tea/Coffee*

Theme: **Islam and Syriac Christianity**

- 11:45-12:30 **Dr. Alexander Humphries** (SOAS, University of London, UK)
“POLITICAL PATRIARCHS: EXAMINING THE POLITICAL ROLE OF CHRISTIAN PATRIARCHAL LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF IRAQ.”
- 12:30-13:15 **Dr. Ashoor Yousif** (Tyndale University, Canada)
“THE CALIPH AND THE PATRIARCH: THE ABBASID CALIPH’S INVOLVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS.”
- 13:15-14:00 **Mr. Kerwin Holmes** (University of Virginia, USA)
“LINEAR AND CYCLICAL TIME IN ISLAMIC AND CHRISTIAN PREACHING: A BRIEF COMPARATIVE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASPECTS OF RHETORIC AND TEMPORAL REALITY IN ISLAMIC AND CHRISTIAN HOMILY.”
- 14:00 **Conference ends.**

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