

History of Syria, 1099-1250: Conflict and Co-existence



A conference convened by Professor Carole Hillenbrand FBA, FRSE, OBE

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Conference Programme

Friday, 1 April

9.00AM – 9.30AM: REGISTRATION

9.30AM – 11.00AM: PANEL 1 – SOURCES

(CHAIR: R. STEPHEN HUMPHREYS)

i) Paul M. Cobb (University of Pennsylvania): **Hamdan al-Atharibi's *History of the Franks Revisited, Again***

ii) Kenneth Goudie (University of St Andrews): **Contextualising al-Sulamī: His *Kitāb al-jihād* and the Syrian Discourse of *Jihād***

iii) Andrew Peacock (University of St Andrews): **Kamal al-Din Ibn Talha: a vizier, *'alim* and author in early 13th-century Syria**

11.00AM – 11.30AM: COFFEE BREAK

11.30AM – 1.00PM: PANEL 2 – CHRISTIANS

(CHAIR: JONATHAN PHILLIPS)

i) R. Stephen Humphreys (University of California, Santa Barbara): **Christian communities under Muslim rule in 12th-century Syria**

ii) Christopher MacEvitt (Dartmouth College): **The afterlife of Edessa: remembering Frankish Rule after 1150**

iii) Johannes Pahlitzsch (Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz): **The Melkites of Syria during the period of the Crusades**

1.00PM – 2.30PM: LUNCH

2.30PM – 4.00PM: PANEL 3 – CONVIVENCIA?

(CHAIR: THOMAS MADDEN)

i) Taef Elazhari (Qatar University): **Diplomacy and coinage between the Turkmen, Ayyubids and the Crusaders: pragmatism and change of identity**

ii) Luke Yarbrough (St Louis University, Missouri): **A view from above: calculating conflict and co-existence in *Midmar al-haqa'iq wa-sirr al-khala'iq* by al-Malik al-Mansur of Hamat (d. 617/1220)**

iii) Suleiman A. Mourad (Smith College, Massachusetts): **Deconstructing the scholarly outlook of the Crusades in Syria: the case for co-existence**

4.00PM – 4.30PM: TEA

4.30PM – 6.00PM: PANEL 4 – WAR AND PEACE

(CHAIR: LUTZ RICHTER-BERNBURG)

i) Thomas Asbridge (Queen Mary University of London): **The Representation of violence in Walter the Chancellor's *Bella Antiochena***

ii) Alex Mallett (University of Exeter): **Infernalising the enemy: images of Hell in Muslim presentations of the Franks during the Crusading period**

iii) Jean-Michel Mouton (University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne): **Treatises and manuals on the art of war and their influence on Saladin's military strategy**

6.15PM – 7.15PM: RECEPTION FOR CONFERENCE

ATTENDEES

7.30PM – 10.00PM: CONFERENCE DINNER

Saturday, 2 April

9.15AM – 9.30AM: REGISTRATION

9.30AM – 11.00AM: PANEL 5 – CITIES

(CHAIR: THOMAS ASBRIDGE)

i) Anne-Marie Eddé (University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne): **Sunnis and Shi'is in Aleppo in the reign of al-Salih Isma'il (1174-1181): between conflicts and reconciliation**

ii) Thomas Madden (St Louis University, Missouri): **The War of St Sabas: Tyre, Acre, and the Italians in the mid-13th century**

iii) Reuven Amitai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): **Gaza in the late Frankish and Ayyubid periods: the run up to 1260**

11.00AM – 11.30AM: COFFEE BREAK

11.30AM – 1.00PM: PANEL 6 – SALADIN'S MEN

(CHAIR: ANNE-MARIE EDDÉ)

i) Julia Bray (University of Oxford): **A self-appointed propagandist for Saladin: the poet 'Abd al-Mun'im al-Jilyani**

ii) Lutz Richter-Bernburg (University of Tübingen): **Ayyubid Realpolitik and counter-crusading ideology in the memoirist-chronicler al-Katib al-Isfahani**

iii) Bogdan Smarandache (University of Toronto): **Assessing the evidence for a turning point in Ayyubid-Frankish Relations in a letter by al-Qadi al-Fadil**

1.00PM – 2.30PM: LUNCH

2.30PM – 4.00PM: PANEL 7 – KEY PERSONALITIES REVISITED
(CHAIR: CAROLE HILLENBRAND)

i) Abbès Zouache (University of Lyon 2): **Peace, war and sovereignty: the body of Nur al-Din (d. 569 A.H./1174 A.D.) in medieval texts**

ii) Jonathan Phillips (Royal Holloway, University of London): **Saladin and gift-giving**

iii) Angus Stewart (University of St Andrews): **Hülegü, the new Constantine?**

4.00PM – 4.30PM: TEA

4.30PM – 5.15PM: FINAL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

- Thomas Asbridge
- Anne-Marie Eddé
- Carole Hillenbrand
- R. Stephen Humphreys
- Thomas Madden
- Jonathan Phillips
- Lutz Richter-Bernburg

**7.15PM – 10.00PM: CONFERENCE DINNER FOR SPEAKERS
& CHAIRS**

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