International research conference
*Khamriyya* as a World Poetic Genre: Comparative Perspectives on Wine Poetry in Near and Middle Eastern Literatures
American University of Beirut, 3-7 May 2017

PROGRAMME

**WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2017**
*Arrival of the participants*

**THURSDAY, 4 MAY 2017**
*AUB*

**Session 1**

10:00-12:00
Poetry as Provocation – the Khamriyya of al-Walid ibn Yazîd (d. 743)
*Renate Jacobi* (Freie Universität Berlin)

Wine anthologies (Fusul at-tamathil and Qutb as-surur)
*Adam Talib* (American University in Cairo)

12:00-14:00
lunch

**Discussion 1**

14:00-16:00

On (not) drinking: al-Hariri’s Maqamah No. 48
*Michael Cooperson* (UCLA)

*Key-note lecture and reception at the Oreint-Institut Beirut (venue tbc)*
FRIDAY, 5 May 2017
Excursion to the Beqaa valley

Session 2
“Drink little and praise much”
The body, the soul and the spirit: wine and its metaphors in Ephrem the Syrian
and Jacob of Sarug
David Kiltz

SATURDAY, 6 May 2017
AUB

Session 3
10:00-12:00
Wine for the hero, wine for the lover. Wine stories and wine imagery in medieval
Persian masnavis
Christine van Ruymbeke (University of Cambridge)

Drink my wine and I’ll be yours! 14th–19th century paintings representing Farid al-
Din ’Aṭṭār’s Shaykh Ṣan‘ān and the Christian Maiden
Ilse Sturkenboom (University of St Andrews)

12:00-14:00 lunch

Discussion 2
14:00-16:00
19:00 conference dinner

SUNDAY, 7 May 2017
Departure of the participants
PARTICIPANTS

Enrico Boccaccini (Göttingen University)
Michael Cooperson (UCLA)
Kirill Dmitriev (University of St Andrews)
Orhan Elmaz (University of St Andrews)
Jeremy Farrel (Emory University)
Maryam Ghorbankarimi (University of St Andrews)
Renate Jacobi (Freie Universität Berlin)
David Kiltz (BBAW Berlin)
Sooyong Kim (Koç University Istanbul)
Hajnalka Kovacs (Stanford University)
Matthew Thomas Miller (University of Maryland)
Hakan Özkan (Universität Münster)
Bilal Orfali (American University of Beirut)
Christine van Ruymbekte (University of Cambridge)
Asghar Seyed-Gohrab (Leiden University) tbc
Sunil Sharma (Boston University) tbc
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