

IRAN BETWEEN THE SASANIANS AND EARLY ISLAM

Monday-Wednesday, December 12-14, 2016, in Jerusalem

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM
Mt. Scopus, the Maierdorf Conference Center, Room 405

16:30 Gathering

17:15 Greetings

Prof. Eli Lederhendler, Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Humanities

Dr. Domenico Agostini, Polonsky Academy, at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; on behalf of the organizing committee

17:30-18:50 Apocalyptic and Eschatological Traditions

Chair: **Shaul Shaked**

Antonio Panaino (University of Bologna)
The "Trepidation" of the Sun, the 57 Years of the Resurrection and the Late Mazdean Speculations on the Apocalypse

Domenico Agostini (Polonsky Academy, at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)
Reassessing the Afterlife in Pahlavi Literature

19:00 Buffet Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM
Mt. Scopus, the Maierdorf Conference Center, Room 501

9:30-11:30 History and Economy

Chair: **Frantz Grenet**

Michael Shenkar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Coronation of the Early Sasanians

Aleksander Engeskaug (SOAS, University of London)
From Crops to Cash: The Role of Money and Trade in the Economic System of the Zoroastrian Fire Endowments in Sasanian Iran

Nikolaus Schindel (Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Continuity and Discontinuity in the Numismatic Landscape of Early Islamic Iran

11:30 Coffee break



11:50-13:10 Interreligious Connections

Chair: **Geoffrey Herman**

Tzvi Langermann (Bar-Ilan University)
The Risala Haruniyya of Masih b. al-Hakham: Some Persian Elements in the Treatise, and the Possible Significance of the Treatise for the History of Jewish Sectarianism

Ofir Haim (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Early Judeo-Persian Bible Exegesis and Its Connection with Judeo-Arabic Exegetical Literature

13:15 Lunch

14:30-16:30 Archaeology and Conquests

Chair: **Amikam Elad**

Gideon Avni (Israel Antiquities Authority/The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The 614 CE Sasanian Conquest of Palestine – an Archaeological Overview

Yuri Karev (CNRS/Ecole Normale Supérieure)
Sasanian Heritage and Abbasid Power in Māwarāʾannahr: Last Data and 3D Reconstruction of the Mid-Eighth-Century Palace in Samarqand

Dietrich Huff (German Archaeological Institute)
The Slow Return of Sasanian Traditions in the Architecture of Early Islamic Iran

16:30 Coffee break

16:50-18:10 Middle Persian Literature

Chair: **Julia Rubanovich**

Götz König (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
On the Sources of Ādur Farrbay and Mardānfarrox

Kevin T. van Bladel (The Ohio State University)
Written Middle Persian Literature under the Sasanids

19:00 Dinner (Invitees only)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM INSTITUTE
43 Jabotinsky St., Polonsky Academy, Room 207

10:30 Gathering

10:50 Greetings

Prof. Gabriel Motzkin, Director of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

11:00-12:20 Religious Continuity

Chair: **Domenico Agostini**

Miguel Ángel Andrés Toledo (University of Salamanca)
Sleeping Adam through Christian, Islamic and Zoroastrian Traditions

Shaul Shaked (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem/The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities)
Shi'ite Dissimulation and some Zoroastrian Connections

12:30 Lunch

14:00-16:00 New Research on Sasanian Art

Chair: **Michael Shenkar**

Matteo Compareti (Renmin University of China)
Specimens of Sasanian Sculpture Recently Found in Iran

Rina Talgam (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Sasanian Origin of Umayyad Sculpture and Architectural Decoration: A Reassessment

Frantz Grenet (Collège de France)
Aegypto-Sasanidica: Two Works of Sasanian Propaganda Connected with the Conquest of Egypt

16:00 Concluding Remarks: **Shaul Shaked**

Academic Committee: Domenico Agostini; Julia Rubanovich; Shaul Shaked; Michael Shenkar

