



PROGRAMME

09.15 Introduction (Peter Stabel)

FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST: WESTERN PERCEPTIONS OF THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC WORLD

Chair Peter Stabel

09.30 Introduction

09.40 Jelle De Rock (Ghent University, IUAP) Images of the Islamic city in the late medieval Low Countries

10.00 Tineke Van de Walle (University of Antwerp, CSG) Jerusalem and Cairo in western travel accounts from the 15th and 16th century

10.20 Comments and discussion

10.50 Coffee

RECENT WORK ON MEDIEVAL CITIES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Chair Tim Soens

11.10 Introduction

11.20 Hilmi Kaçar (Ghent University) Constantinople / Istanbul: constructing an empire on a city

11.40 Jelle Bruning (University of Leiden) Governing an old capital in a new province: Alexandria versus Fustat in early Islamic Egypt

12.00 Simon O'Meara (Utrecht University) The Kaaba and the City

12.20 Comments and discussion

13.00 Lunch

APPROACHES OF COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL CITIES IN THE EUROPEAN AND ISLAMIC WORLD

Chair Jo Van Steenberghe

14.00 Introduction

14.10 Patrick Lantschner (Oxford University) Fragmented Cities in the Later Middle Ages: Contention in the Urban Belts of Europe and the Near East

14.30 James Davis (Queen's University Belfast) Common Foundations: Local Trade Across the Medieval World

14.50 Peter Stabel (University of Antwerp, CSG) Guild or no guilds. Is this the question? Economic regulation in the medieval city in the Islamic world. Some thoughts by an outsider

15.10 Comments and discussion

15.40 Coffee

THE CITY IN A MAMLUK CONTEXT

Chair Jan Dumolyn

16.00 Introduction

16.10 Linda Northrup (University of Toronto) Qalawun's Endowment for the Mansuri Hospital and City Building in Early Mamluk Egypt

16.30 Jo Van Steenberghe (Ghent University) Ritual, Politics and the City in Mamluk Cairo: the Bayna l-Qasrayn as a dynamic 'lieu de mémoire' (1250-1382)

16.50 Comments and discussion

17.20 Conclusions and after thoughts Henk De Smaele followed by closing discussion

18.00 Drinks (Agora)