University of St Andrews, 2-4 Oct. 2016

MERCHANTS AND TRADING COMMUNITIES IN EARLY ISLAM
(800-1000)
Conference

PROGRAMME

Parliament Hall

6.00pm – 6.15pm, Introduction by Dr Fanny Bessard

6.15pm – 7.00pm, Keynote Lecture by Prof. Maya Shatzmiller: The commercialization of the Middle East Islamic Economy: Markets, Monetization and Transaction Technology before the Genizah

7.00pm – 7.30pm, Discussion session

7.30pm – 9.00pm, Drinks Reception and Buffet
St Mary’s College Hall

Parliament Hall

9.00am – 9.45am, Registration

9.45am – 10.00am, Welcome and Introduction by Prof. Hugh Kennedy

10.00am – 10.45am, Session 1: Traders and seafarers from Late Antiquity to 1000
Session chaired by Prof. Maya Shatzmiller

Dr Peter Sarris: The Late Antique and Byzantine Context to Early Islamic Mercantile Activity [Read by Prof. Hugh Kennedy]

10.45am – 11.15am, Mid-session refreshments

11.15am – 12.45am, Session 1 continued

Dr Hassan Khalilieh: Prophet Muhammad and the Islamic Concept of Freedom of Movement and Navigation

Dr Fanny Bessard: The emergence of a mercantile bourgeoisie from the ninth century
12.45pm – 2.00pm, Lunch

2.00pm – 4.15pm, Session 2: Towards the North: Byzantium, the Caucasus and the Rus
Session chaired by Dr Tim Greenwood

Prof. James Howard-Johnston: The Role of Byzantium in the Islamic Trade System

Dr Alison Vacca: Trade Routes in the early Abbasid North

Dr Marek Jankowiak: Merchants enter the land of Gog and Magog

4.15pm - 4.45pm, Tea

4.45pm – 6.15pm, Session 3: Trading Networks Towards the East
Chaired by Dr Marek Jankowiak

Prof. Bryan Averbuch: Islamic Trading Diasporas in the Indian Ocean and the Pacific

Dr Jean-Charles Ducène: The Islamic trade network in the Indian Ocean (7th-11th century): locations and practices

8.00pm – 10.30pm, Dinner for Speakers & Chairs

Tuesday, 4 Oct. 2016

9.15am – 10.45am, Session 4: Mediterranean trading networks
Chaired by Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn

Dr Juni Hoppe: Faith in the medieval Mediterranean marketplace
(This presentation will be via Skype)

Dr Catherine Richarté-Manfredi: Early Islamic Shipwrecks in the Western Mediterranean [9th-10th century]
(This presentation will be in French)

10.45am – 11.15am, Refreshments

11.15am – 12.45pm, Session 5: Africa and the Ibadi trading networks
Chaired by Prof. Julian Henderson

Dr Tom Fitton: A view from the middle of the edge: Trade and change in East Africa

Dr Cyrille Aillet: Ibadi trading networks and cultures in North Africa [8th-11th century]

12.45pm - 1.00pm, Concluding remarks by Prof. Hugh Kennedy

1.00pm - 2.00pm, Lunch
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