

Emerging Historical Perspectives on Christian-Muslim Interactions in and around the Mediterranean (c. 630–1614)

Digital Conference

25 October / 31 October / 8 November 2024

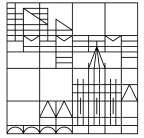


Frederick II Hohenstaufen and the Ayyūbid Sultan al-Malik al-Kāmil agree to the peaceful surrender of Jerusalem (1229), Source: Vatican Library, Chig.L.VIII.296, fol. 75r.

Over the past three decades, a new wave of revisionist and interdisciplinary methodologies, ranging from gender and global history to medievalism and the history of emotions, have broadened our epistemological horizons, creating innovative avenues of enquiry. By exploring the complex and much-studied topic of Christian-Muslim relations through the changing lens of methodologies, this conference aims to foster an interdisciplinary debate that, through comparison and collaboration between scholars from different fields, bridges rigid geographical and temporal frameworks.

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(Deadline: 11 October 2024)

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I. Friday, 25 October, 10.00–12.20 CET

10.00 am General introduction (organisers)

❖ **Session 1: Expanding the Source Base**

Chair: Alejandro Peláez Martín (Konstanz)

10.20 am *Simon Pierre* (Paris), The Chronicle of Zuqnān: A Regional Petition to Defend the Fiscal Status Quo for “Arabs” (Muslims) and “Syrians” (Christians) in the Jazīra? (c. 150–158/767–775)

10.40 am *Diana Grigoryan* (Yerevan), Between Faith and Politics: Representation of Rulership in the Bagratuni Kingdom of Armenia (885–1045)

11.00 am *Pedro Alexandre Gonçalves* (Lisbon), Mozarabism, Conversion and Social Mobility in Coimbra (Central Portugal) during the High Middle Ages: The Trajectory of Randulfo Soleimás and his Ancestors and Descendants (10th to 12th Centuries)

11.20 am *Nynke van Leeuwen* (Groningen), A Mediterranean Republic of Letters: The Case of Nicolaus Clenardus (1494–1542)

11.40 am Discussion of session 1

II. Thursday, 31 October, 10.00–12.15 CET

❖ **Session 2: Re-reading ‘Traditional’ Sources**

Chair: James Wilson (Konstanz)

10.00 am Introduction

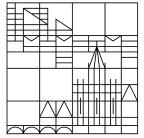
10.15 am *Jazid Abdul Kader* (Vienna), Muslims in Medieval Sicily. Examples of Incorrect Translations of Arabic Sources and Attributions of Motives in Historical Research and the Importance of an Islamic-legal Reading of Arabic sources.

10.35 am *Thomas Brosset* (Lancaster), Unofficial Interactions between Christians and Muslims During Sieges in the Jazīra and Syria (1097–1192)

10.55 am *Julio César Cárdenas Arenas* (Madrid), Christians (النصارى) in Ibn Taymīyah’s Legal Verdicts, Computational Linguistics of a Medieval Islamic Theological and Legal Corpus

11.15 am *Julia Samp* (Aachen), Silent Bells and Howling Muslims. Auditory Perception and Interpretation of Christian-Muslim Relations in the Evagatorium of Felix Fabri (1437/8–1502)

11.35 am Discussion of session 2



III. Friday, 8 November, 10.00–13.00 CET

❖ Session 3: Comparison Across Source Bases, Regional Traditions, Chronological Frameworks

Chair: Eric Böhme (Konstanz)

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| 10.00 am | Introduction |
| 10.15 am | <i>Marilena Polosa</i> (Paris/Rome), The Relationship Between Christian and Muslim Communities in the Southern Red Sea, 6th–13th Centuries |
| 10.35 am | <i>Alexander Marx</i> (Vienna), Martin of León (c.1130–1203): A Crusade Preacher between the Holy Land and the Iberian Peninsula |
| 10.55 am | <i>Marco Demichelis</i> (Bologna), ‘Hic est status modernus’. The Ottoman Sultanate and the Played Influence on the Italian and French Political Thought in the “Cinquecento” |
| 11.15 am | <i>Anna Gutgarts</i> (Haifa), Mediterranean Cityscapes in the 11th–12th Centuries and the Transition from Muslim to Christian Rule: Demographic Change, Municipal Mechanisms, and Urban Environment |
| 11.35 am | Discussion of session 3 |
| 12.15 am | General conclusion |