ROME CONFERENCE (24-26 NOVEMBER 2021):

CONSTRUCTING AND USING CHRISTIAN BUILDINGS DURING EEARLY ISLAM: INTERCONNECTED APPROACHES TO THE CHURCH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST (7TH-9TH C.)

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WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Session 0. Presentation
13.45-14.15. Simon PIERRE (Sorbonne université/Iifpo) & M.ª Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO (EEA/EEHAR). Introduction

Session 1. Byzantine Syria during Early Islam
14.30-15.00. Pierre-Louis GATIER (CNRS). The Issue of Church Building in the Syrian and Palestinian Near East during the 7th and 8th Centuries: a Historiographical Assessment
15.00-15.30. Robert SCHICK (Universität Mainz/American Center of Research). Churches in Southern Jordan in the Early Islamic Period
15.30-16.00. Pauline PIRAUD-FOURNET (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne/ArScan). A Late Antique Residence in Bosra (Syria), Possibly still Occupied by a Christian Notable during the Umayyad Period
16.00-16.30. Discussion
16.30-17.00. Break
17.00-17-30. Mattia GUIDETTI (Università di Bologna). The Relevance of Churches in Early Medieval Syria
17.30-18.00. Mathilde BOUDIER (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne). The Christians of Damascus and their Churches in the 9th Century
18.00-18.30. Discussion
20.00. Dinner
THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Session 2. Ex-Sasanian Churches in the Islamic East
09.30-10.00. Françoise BRIQUEL-CHATONNET (CNRS). Remarks on the Building of Churches in Late Antiquity: the Syriac World
10.00-10.30. Julie BONNERICI (Ifpo). The Churches of Iraq and the Gulf at the Turn of Islam: Chronological, Spatial and Functional Analyses
10.30-11.00. Discussion
11.00-11.30. Break
11.30-12.00. Narmin ALI (Erbil University) & Simon BRELAUD (UC Berkeley). Bazyan and other Northern Mesopotamian churches in Late Sasanian-Early Islamic Periods
12.00-12.30. Armen KAZARYAN (Yerevan State University). Armenian Architecture during Arabic Occupation, Mid-7th – early 10th century: Possibilities and Ways of Development
12.30-13.00. Discussion
13.00-14.30. Lunch

Session 3. From the Visigoths to the Umayyads: A Christian Al-Andalus
14.30-15.00. Mª Ángeles UTRERO AGUDO (EEA/EEHAR). Beyond 711: Building and Afterlife of Churches in al-Andalus
15.00-15.30. Jesús LORENZO (University of the Basque Country). The Christian Church under the Islamic Rule in al-Andalus Bishoprics and Monasteries in Light of the Written Texts
15.30-16.00. Alejandro VILLA DEL CASTILLO (CSIC). Ornamenting Churches under Muslim Rule: Christian Sculptural Production in al-Andalus
16.00-16.30. Discussion
16.30-16.45. Break

Session 4. Northern Mesopotamia: Neither Byzantine nor Islamic?
16.45-17.15. Philip WOOD (Aga Khan University). Creating New Churches and Monasteries in Northern Mesopotamia from the 7th to 9th Centuries
17.15-17.45. Elif KESER-KAYAALP (Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi). Building/Rebuilding Churches in Northern Mesopotamia in the Early Islamic period
17.45-18.15. Simon PIERRE (Sorbonne Université/Ifpo). Confronting Early Islamic Law? Building New Churches in the Syrian Orthodox world
18.15-18.45. Discussion
20.00. Dinner

**FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

**Session 5. Northern Africa from Rome to the Fatimids**

09.00-09.30. Audrey DRIDI (Sorbonne Université). *Building Churches at the Beginning of Islam: the Case of al-Fustāṭ first Christian Places of Worship*

09.30-10.00. Anna LEONE (Durham University) & Hafed ABDOULI (Université de Sfax). *Christianity and the Fate of Christian Monuments in the Maghreb from the 8th to the 11th Centuries*

10.00-10.30. Lucia ARCIFA (Università di Catania) & Michelangelo MESSINA (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne/UNICT). *Monasteries and Religious Institutions in the Arab-Byzantine Frontier of Eastern Sicily: a New Agenda*

10.30-11.00. Discussion

11.00-11.15. Break

**Session 6. Palestine and Arabia under the Umayyads and the Abbasids**


11.45-12.15. Piero GILENTO (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne/ArScan). *Churches in North-Eastern Jordan in Early Islam. Revision of Material Sources and New Research Perspectives*

12.15-12.45. Daniel REYNOLDS (University of Birmingham). *Beyond Continuity: Christians in Early Islamic Palestine, c. 750-950*

12.45-13.15. Discussion

13.15-13-30. Final conclusions and closing

13.30. Lunch