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**CONSTRUCTING AND USING CHRISTIAN BUILDINGS DURING
EARLY 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

13.30-13.45. Antonio PIZZO (EEHAR). *Presentation*

13.45-14.15. Simon PIERRE (Sorbonne université/Ifpo) & 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 BONNERIC (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. M^a 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 Bishopricks 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-Fusṭāṭ 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

11.15-11.45. Anne MICHEL (Université de Bordeaux Montaigne). *Building, Embellishing, Renovating, Reusing: What Becoming for Christian Buildings of Worship in Jordan in the First Centuries of Islam?*

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