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Conference Program

Sunday, June 25

11:30 a.m.– Registration and Buffet Lunch
12:45 p.m.

12:45–1 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
Deborah Tor, Conference Co-organizer
University of Notre Dame

Thomas G. Burman
Director of the Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame

Minoru Inaba, Conference Co-organizer
Kyoto University

1–3 p.m. Session I: Sogdia
“The Proto-Sogdian Inscriptions of Kultobe: New fragments and new reconstructions”
Nicholas Sims-Williams
SOAS

“The Impact of the Arab Conquest on the Political, Social, and Religious Structures of the Sogdians”
Michael Shenkar
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“The Triumph of the Middlemen: Arab and Persian Culture in Islamicized Transoxiana”
Pavel Lurje
The State Hermitage Museum

3–3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

3:30–5:30 Session II: Bactria
“From Bactrian to Arabic: Changes in Seals and Sealing Practices as Observed in Bactrian Documents”
Judith Lerner
Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, NYU

Monday, June 26

8:30–10:30 p.m. Session III: Islamisation and Iranisation
“Islamisation and Persianisation in Khorasan and Transoxania”
Francois de Blois
University College London

“Iranian Customs in Early Shi`i Law”
Robert Gleave
University of Exeter

“The Formation of Islamic Bukhara”
Florian Schwarz
University of Vienna

10:30–11 a.m. Coffee Break

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Session IV: China in Relation to Iran and Central Asia
“Three Scenarios for the Historical Background of the Xi’an Sino-Pahlavi Inscription”
Yutaka Yoshida
Kyoto University

“The Qarākhānids in the Sinitic World: Diplomacy and Trade”
Dilnoza Duturasheva
Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

“Notes on Islamisation Narratives in the Faḍāʾ-il-i Balkh”
Arezou Azad
University of Birmingham

“Patronage, Pilgrimage, and Trans-National Trade”
Deborah Klimburg-Salter
University of Vienna
Tuesday, June 27

8:30–10:30 p.m.  Session VII: Pre-Islamic Cultural Continuities in the Islamic Period
“Snake Demons in the Penjikent Paintings and Some Possible Parallels in Islamic Book Illustrations”
Matteo Compareti
Renmin University of China

10:30–11 a.m. Coffee Break

11 a.m.–1 p.m.  Session VIII: Cities in Iran and Central Asia
“Types of City Planning in Ancient Iranian Cities: New Considerations”
Frantz Grenet
Collège de France

1–2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30–3:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussion and Closing Remarks

4:30–5 p.m. Coffee Break
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