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Conference Program

Sunday, June 25

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

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

“Notes on Islamisation Narratives in the
Faḍā’il-i Balkh”

Arezou Azad
University of Birmingham

“Patronage, Pilgrimage, and
Trans-National Trade”

Deborah Klimburg-Salter
University of Vienna

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 Duturaeva
Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

“Xian Temples of the Sogdian Colonies in China”

Etsuko Kageyama

Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties

1–2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30–4:30 p.m. Session V: The Pre-Islamic Past in Islamic Eyes

“Representations of the Pre-Islamic Past in Early Persian Court Poetry”

Gabrielle van den Berg
Leiden University

“The Sasanian Past in the Historical Writings and Political Advice of al-Tha`alabī (AD 961–1038)”

Louise Marlow
Wellesley College

“Zoroastrian Solutions to Neoplatonic Problems: Reading the Rāsta of Dādār Son of Dādukht alongside Priscian’s Answers to Khosro”

Daniel Sheffield
Princeton University

4:30–5 p.m. Coffee Break

5–6:30 p.m. Session VI: Iran in Early Islamic History

“How Ziyād Made a Name for Himself”

Michael Bates
American Numismatic Society

“Istakhrī’s Account of the Province of Fārs”

Hugh Kennedy
SOAS

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

“Al-Bīrūnī’s Anthropology of Minerals”

George Malagaris
University of Oxford

“Royal Descent and Dynastic Authority in the 4th c. Iranian World: The Figural Medallions of the Buyid and Samanid Courts”

Luke Treadwell
University of Oxford

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

“The Evolution of Domestic Space in the Bukhara Oasis: Between Late Antiquity and the Islamic Period”

Rocco Rante
The Louvre

“Marv, 671”

Étienne de la Vaissière
École des hautes études en sciences sociales

1–2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

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

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