The Islamic-Byzantine Border: From the Rise of Islam to the Fall of Constantinople

April 28–30, 2019
McKenna Hall
Notre Dame Conference Center
Conference Schedule

All events take place in McKenna Hall conference center, rooms 100–104, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:15 a.m.  
Registration and Breakfast

9:45–10 a.m.  
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Deborah Tor, Conference Co-Organizer
Sarah Mustillo, I.A. O’Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters
Thomas Burman, Robert M. Conway Director, The Medieval Institute

10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Session I: The Inception of the Islamic-Byzantine Border
Panel Chair: Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame

When Baanes Met Khālid: Conquest and Prophecy at the Twilight of Byzantine Syria
Sean Anthony, The Ohio State University

The Multivalent Character of Umayyad Monarchy in the Context of the Challenge to Roman Hegemony
Andrew Marsham, University of Cambridge

Arran between Byzantium and Islam
Robert Hoyland, New York University

12–1:30 p.m.  
Lunch Break

1:30–3:30 p.m.  
Session II: Christians, Shi‘ites, and the Border
Panel Chair: Gabriel Said Reynolds, University of Notre Dame

The Jarājima between Byzantium and the Caliphate
Christian Sahner, University of Oxford

Saints and Heroes of Muslim-Byzantine Borders
Sophie Metivier, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Empire and Emperor: Malik al-Rūm and Mulk al-Rūmin Shi‘i hadith Literature
Robert Gleave, University of Exeter
3:30–4 p.m. Coffee Break

4–6 p.m. Session III: Crossing the Border
Panel Chair: Michael Cook, Princeton University

The Hard Reality of the Byzantine-Islamic Border
Anthony Kaldellis, The Ohio State University

The Byzantine Topography of Islam
Rustam Shukurov, Moscow State University

The Interface between Byzantium and the Ilkhanids in 14th-Century Book Painting
Robert Hillenbrand, University of Edinburgh

Monday, April 29, 2019

9–11 a.m. Session IV: The ʿAbbāsid–Byzantine Border
Panel Chair: Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame

Guardians of the Byzantine ʿAbbāsid Frontier: Arabic Sources about the Paulicians
François de Blois, University College London

The Place of the ʿAwāṣimin the Fiscal Structure of the ʿAbbāsid Caliphate
Hugh Kennedy, SOAS, University of London

Borders in the Backyard: Northwest Caucasia as Frontier and Contact Zone between Byzantium, the Caliphate, and Wider Eurasia, 7th–9th Centuries CE
Johannes Preiser-Kapeller, Austrian Academy of Sciences

11–11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session V: Movement of Goods, People, and Borders
Panel Chair: Alexander Beihammer, University of Notre Dame

Byzantine Population Policy in the Eastern Borderland between Byzantium and the Caliphate from the 7th through the 12th Centuries
Ralph-Johannes Lilie, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

9:30–11 a.m. Session VII: The Islamic–Byzantine Border in the Later Middle Ages
Panel Chair: Margaret Meserve, University of Notre Dame

Conceptualising the Frontier in Seljuq and Mongol Anatolia
Andrew Peacock, University of St. Andrews

Now it’s E-dir-ne not A-dri-a-nople…: From Byzantine Adrianople to Ottoman Edirne
Amy Singer, Tel Aviv University/All Souls College, University of Oxford

11–12 p.m. Concluding Roundtable Discussion

12–2 p.m. Lunch Break
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François de Blois, University College London
Jonathan Conant, Brown University
David Cook, Rice University
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