

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



April 28–30, 2019

McKenna Hall

Notre Dame Conference Center



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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 Sagner, 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 Shī'ī ḥadīth 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 'Abbāsīd–Byzantine Border

Panel Chair: Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame

Guardians of the Byzantine 'Abbāsīd Frontier: Arabic Sources about the Paulicians

François de Blois, University College London

The Place of the 'Awāšimin the Fiscal Structure of the 'Abbāsīd 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

Melkites across Borders: The Crossing of Political and Social Boundaries by Orthodox Christians in Medieval Syria

Johannes Pahlitzsch, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

1–2:30 p.m.

Lunch Break

2:45–4:45 p.m.

Session VI: Conflict and Comingling on the Islamic-Byzantine Border

Panel Chair: Mun'im Sirry, University of Notre Dame

Ninth-Century Sicily and the Arab-Byzantine Frontier

Jonathan Conant, Brown University

A Cosmopolitan Frontier State: Relations among the Kurds, Arabs, Byzantines, Persians, Turks, and Armenians under the Marwanids of Diyar Bakr, 990–1085

Carole Hillenbrand, University of Edinburgh

al-Ashraf Khalil: The Uses of the Islamic-Byzantine Border in Rulership

David Cook, Rice University

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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