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# Eastern Iran and Transoxiana 750 - 1150

## Persianate culture and Islamic civilisation

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## Preliminary Schedule

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# *Eastern Iran and Transoxiana, 750-1150*

## 8 March

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### **9.00: Registration<sup>♦</sup>**

9.30: Ali Ansari, Welcome

### **9.45: Panel 1 - Political History of the early Islamic East**

Aleksandr Naymark: *The Fate of Bukhar Khudas: a pre-Islamic Dynasty in Islamic Mawaraannahr*

Minoru Inaba: *Across the Hindukush of the early Islamic period*

### **10.45: Coffee**

### **11.15: Panel 2 - Cities in early Islamic Khurasan and Transoxiana**

Hugh Kennedy: *Early Islamic urbanism in Transoxania: textual and archaeological approaches*

Tim Williams: *Merv: recent research into the development of the Islamic city, from the 8th to 13th centuries CE*

Andrew Peacock: *Fami's History of Herat and the tradition of local historiography in Khurasan*

### **12.45: Lunch**

### **14.00: Panel 3 - The transition to an Islamic society**

Firuza Melville: *Marriage: lawful and prohibited in Islam and before*

Arezou Azad: *Female public figures in mediaeval Balkh*

### **15.00: Tea**

### **15.30: Panel 4 - Art and material culture**

Deborah Klimburg-Salter: *Zone of Transition: The Art of Northern Afghanistan in the 8th century*

Robert Hillenbrand: *Content versus context in Samanid epigraphic pottery*

Oya Pancaroglu: *The Material Culture of Medieval Nishapur in a Comparative Perspective*

17.00: End of Panel 4.

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<sup>♦</sup> There is also the opportunity to register earlier on 7 March, 16.00-17.00.

**18.00: Drinks reception** (sponsored by Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame)

**19.15: Conference Dinner**

## 9 March

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### **9.15: Panel 5 - Political History of the Eleventh and twelfth centuries**

Carole Hillenbrand: *The life and times of al-Kunduri*

Edmund Bosworth: *The Ghurids in Khurasan*

Juergen Paul: *Rural notables, local lords? Remarks on the ra'is in 12th century eastern Iran*

Deborah Tor: *Sultan and Caliphate in the Seljuq Period*

**11:15: Coffee**

### **11:45: Panel 6 – Kingship and literature in the ninth and tenth centuries**

Ghazzal Dabiri: *Genealogy and Quranic Symbols: Constructing Kings as Moral Types in 9-10th century Iranian Historiography*

Louise Marlow: *The king and his khāssa in a Samanid work of advice: relations and Responsibilities*

**12.45: Lunch**

### **14.00: Panel 7 - The Court and its Literature in the Eleventh century**

Roy Mottahedeh: *The Ghaznavid Court*

Sarah Savant: *Al-Tha'ālibī's Memorable Thimār al-qulūb fī al-muḍāf wa-l-mansūb: A Portrait of an Eleventh-Century Cultural Broker*

**15.00: Tea**

### **15.30: Panel 8 - Islam in the mashriq**

Teresa Bernheimer: *The 'Alids in Eastern Iran and Transoxiana, c. 750-1150*

Christopher Melchert: *The early spread of Hanafism in Khurasan*

Lutz Richter-Bernburg: *Nâser-e Khosrow revisited*

17.00: End of Panel 8.

**19.00: Informal end-of-conference dinner in local restaurant**

More information about the conference can be found at: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~iranian/transoxiana](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~iranian/transoxiana)

