



# The Second Conference on the Mamluk- Ottoman Transition: Continuity and Change in Egypt and Bilād al-Shām in the Sixteenth Century

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## **The Second Conference on The Mamluk-Ottoman Transition in Egypt and Bilād al-Shām in the Sixteenth Century**

While the Ottoman conquest of the Mamluk Sultanate in 1516-17 doubtlessly changed the balance of political power in Egypt and Greater Syria, we will study the extent of continuity and change in various fields over time. We aim to examine a multitude of situations during the 15th and 16th centuries and determine how the reconfiguration of political power affected both Egypt and Greater Syria.

The conference will continue the debate we initiated with the 2015 conference on transition and the resulting 2017 edited volume *The Mamluk-Ottoman Transition in Egypt and Bilād al-Shām in the Sixteenth Century*. They inspired us to pair scholars from Mamluk and Ottoman studies on key issues. By combining perspectives, we hope to gain a more comprehensive yet nuanced picture of the process of transformation.

**APRIL 12, FRIDAY**

**9.30**     **Opening**  
Stephan Conermann and Gül Şen

**10.00**    **Keynote Speech**  
Linda T. Darling (University of Arizona): From Border Province to Imperial Hub: Transformation in Syria's Geopolitical Role as a New Ottoman Province

**10.45**    *Coffee Break*

**11:15**    **PANEL 1: Political Culture**

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Chair: Dorothee Kreuzer

Nasser Rabbat (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): On Being a Mamluk and a Member of the Ruling Class

Jane Hathaway (Ohio State University): The *Kul* Problem in Early Ottoman Egypt: Ottoman Reorganization Gone Awry

**12:45**    *Lunch Break*

**13:45**    **PANEL 2: Military**

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Chair: Reuven Amitai

Albrecht Fuess (University of Marburg): Why Domenico Had to Die and Black Slaves Wore Red Uniforms: Military Technology and its Decisive Role in the Ottoman Conquest of Egypt 1517

Charles Wilkins (Wake Forest University): Janbulad Bek b. Qasim (d. ca. 1575) and the Command of Provincial Armies in Early Ottoman Syria

**15:15**    *Coffee Break*

**15:45**    **PANEL 3: Violence**

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Chair: Adam Sabra

Carl F. Petry (Northwestern University): Violence as Tactic: Rioting by Mamluk Soldiers in the Late Circassian Period

	Timothy J. Fitzgerald (James Madison University): Shedding Blood Justly: Perceptions of Violence in Early Ottoman Syria
<b>17:15</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>PANEL 4: Intellectual Changes</b>
	Chair: Christian Mauder
	Anna Kollatz (University of Bonn): Narrating Transitions in Times of Transition: What Does Ibn Iyās Focus On?
	Torsten Wollina: Local Knowledge Production in Damascus: Was There an Ottoman Audience?
<b>19:00</b>	<i>Reception Dinner</i>

## APRIL 13, SATURDAY

<b>9:00</b>	<b>PANEL 5: Ulama</b>
	Chair: Yehoshua Frenkel
	Mohammad Gharaibeh (University of Bonn): Networks, Institutions and Intellectual Trends in the late Mamluk Period
	Toru Miura (The University of Tokyo) : Socio-political Changes of the 'Ulama' in 16th Century Damascus
<b>10:30</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>PANEL 6: Sufism</b>
	Chair: Randi Deguilhem
	Abdelkader Al-Ghouz (University of Bonn): Hybrid Places: The Social Role of Saints in Mamluk Politics
	Adam Sabra (University of California): Sufism and Political Culture in Egypt in the Early Ottoman Period
<b>12:30</b>	<i>Lunch Break</i>

**13:30** **PANEL 7: Countryside**

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Chair: Wakako Kumakura

Bethany J. Walker (University of Bonn): The Changing Face of Agricultural 'Estates' in 15th and 16th-century Palestine: the Commercialization of Khirbet Beit Mazmil

Aleksandar Shopov (University of Munich): Commercial Farming and Agricultural Knowledge During the Transition Period from the Mamluks to the Ottomans

**15:00** *Coffee Break*

**15:30** **PANEL 8: Provincial Administration**

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Chair: Albrecht Fuess

Reuven Amitai (Hebrew University): Late Mamluk Gaza: Aspects of Society, Economy and Administration on the Eve of Ottoman Rule

Gül Şen (University of Bonn): Political Administration of the Districts in Syria During the Transition Period

**17:00** *Coffee Break*

*Departure from the hotel to Annemarie-Schimmel-Kolleg*

**18.00-20:00** **OTTO SPIES MEMORIAL LECTURE**

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Jane Hathaway (Ohio State University): East vs. West: Was Ethno-Regional Tension the Defining Feature of Early Modern Ottoman Administration?

**Venue:** Heussallee 18-24, Annemarie-Schimmel-Kolleg, conference hall

**APRIL 14, SUNDAY**

**9:00**

**PANEL 9: Salons**

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Chair: Charles Wilkins

Christian Mauder (IAS, Princeton): Ottomanization Before the Conquest? Mamluk-Ottoman Cultural and Intellectual Entanglements in the Courtly Salons of Qāniṣawh al-Ghawrī

**10:00**

**PANEL 10: Finances**

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Chair: Toru Miura

Stephan Conermann (University of Bonn): The Economic System of the Mamluk Sultanate at the Beginning of the 16th Century

Wakako Kumakura (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies): The Ottoman Impact on Financial Records and Administrative Networks in Egypt

**11:30**

*Coffee Break*

**12:00**

**PANEL 11: Waqf System**

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Chair: Nasser Rabbat

Yehoshua Frenkel (University of Haifa) : The *Waqf* System in the Late Mamluk Decades

Randi Deguilhem (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique – CNRS) : From One Empire to Another: Transitioning Mamluk Waqf to Ottoman, An Analysis of the Ottoman Land Survey № 602

**13:30**

*Lunch Break*

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**15:15**

Discussion & Conclusions