

Diplomatic Artifacts, 16:00-17:30

Chair: Johannes DEN HEIJER

Ludvik KALUS, Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV

Écritures: objets fonctionnels et symboliques indissociables des cérémonies officielles à l'époque mamelouke

Doris BEHRENS-ABOUSEIF, School of Oriental and African Studies

Mamluk Diplomatic Gifts

Valentina VEZZOLI, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Precious Objects for Eminent Guests: the Use of Chinese Porcelain during Diplomatic Banquets in Mamluk Cairo. Historical Sources and Material Evidence

Concluding Remarks, 17:30-18:00

Farewell Dinner, 20:00

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Timur Receiving Gifts from the Mamluk Ambassadors
(Zafarnama of Sharaf al-Din 'Ali Yazdi, Iran, Shiraz,
AH Dhu'l-Hijja 839/AD June 16-July 15 1436)
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Mamluk Cairo
A Crossroad for Embassies
International Conference

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September 6 Salle académique

Registration, 9:00

Welcome Address, 9:30

Jean WINAND, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Introduction, 9:45-10:15

Frédéric BAUDEN and Malika DEKKICHE

Coffee Break, 10:15-10:45

Diplomatic Conventions, 10:45-12:15

Chair: Reuven AMITAI

Malika DEKKICHE, University of Chicago

Diplomatics or Another Way to See the World

Lucian REINFANDT, Universität Wien

Textual and Ceremonial Aspects of Mamluk Administrative Letters

Yehoshua FRENKEL, University of Haifa

Embassies in a Crossroad: Cairo's Role in the 15th Century

Multinational Politics

Lunch, 12:15-14:30

Ambassadors, 14:30-16:00

Chair: Doris BEHRENS-ABOUSEIF

Anne F. BROADBRIDGE, University of Massachusetts

Careers in Diplomacy among Mamluks, Mongols and Turks, 1260-1405

Cinzia TAVERNARI, École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris Val de Seine

Lodging Ambassadors: Textual Representation and Architectural Reality

Adam G. BEAVER, Princeton University

Pietro Martire in Cairo (1501): Spanish-Mamluk Relations in the Age of Discovery

Coffee Break, 16:00-16:30

Mamluks and the Latin West, 16:30-18:00

Chair: Frédéric BAUDEN

Pierre MOUKARZEL, Université Libanaise

The European Embassies to the Court of the Mamluk Sultans in Cairo

Maria Filomena LOPES BARROS, Universidade de Évora

In the Name of the Minorities: the Lisbon's Muslims as Ambassadors from the King of Portugal to the Sultan of Egypt (1454)

Nicholas COUREAS, Cyprus Research Center

Envoys between Lusignan Cyprus and Mamluk Egypt, 1435-1473: The Accounts of Pero Tafur and George Boustronios

Cocktail Hour, 18:00-20:00

September 7 Salle des professeurs

Mamluks and (Post-) Mongols (1), 9:30-10:30

Chair: Judith PFEIFFER

Reuven AMITAI, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mamluk-Ilkhanid Diplomatic Contacts: Negotiations or Posturing?

Hend GILLY-ELEWY, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Baghdad between Cairo and Tabriz: Emissaries to the Mamluks as Expressions of Local Political Ambitions and Ideologies during the 14th Century

Coffee Break, 10:30-11:00

Mamluks and (Post-) Mongols (2), 11:00-12:00

Patrick WING, Universiteit Gent

Between Iraq and Hard Place: Sultan Ahmad Jalayir's Time as a Refugee in the Mamluk Sultanate

Marie FAVEREAU, Universiteit Leiden

New Insight into Mamluk-Mongol Diplomacy. The Jochid Alliances (1261-62/1415-16)

Lunch, 12:00-14:00

Mamluks and Timurids/Turkmen, 14:00-15:30

Chair: John WOODS

Michele BERNARDINI, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"

Timur, Toqtamish and the Mamluks. Some Further Considerations

Ilker Evrim BINBAS, Royal Holloway, University of London

Sharaf al-Din 'Ali Yazdi and the Mamluk Sultanate: An analysis of the Extant Correspondence

Frédéric BAUDEN, Université de Liège

A Reconstructed Qara Qoyunlu Letter and Its Contribution to the Study of Diplomatic Exchanges Between the Mamluks, the Qara Qoyunlu and the Timurids

Coffee Break, 15:30-16:00

Mamluks and Ottomans (1), 16:00-17:00

Chair: Michele BERNARDINI

John E. WOODS, University of Chicago

Documents from the Ottoman Archives on the Mamluks

Christopher MARKIEWICZ, University of Chicago

Molla Gürani between Mamluks and Ottomans: Movement of Scholars and the Ottoman Chancellery in the reign of Mehmed II (1451-1481)

Coffee Break, 17:00-17:30

Mamluks and Ottomans (2), 17:30-18:30

Cihan Yuksel MUSLU, University of Texas at Dallas

From *al-Majlis al-Samiyy* to *al-Maqarr al-Karim*:

Transformation of the Titulature Accorded to the Ottomans by the Mamluk Administration

Kristof D'HULSTER, Universiteit Gent

Fixed Rules to a Changing Game? Mehmed the Conqueror's Realignment of Ottoman-Mamluk Diplomatic Conventions with the International Power Constellation

September 8 Salle des professeurs

Mamluks and Western Islamic Lands, 9:00-10:30

Chair: Malika DEKKICHE

Bárbara BOLOIX-GALLARDO, Washington University in St-Louis
Diplomatic Correspondence between Nasrid Granada and Mamluk Cairo (13th-15th Centuries). The Last Hope for al-Andalus

Mounira CHAPOUTOT, Université de Tunis

Entre Ifriqiya hafsides et Egypte mamlouke: des relations anciennes, continues et consolidées

Lotfi BEN MILED, Université de Kairouan

Sur les traces des missions diplomatiques hafsides jusqu'aux confins turco-mamelouks (fin du XV^e s.)

Coffee Break, 10:30-11:00

Mamluks and Arabia/India, 11:00-12:30

Chair: Jo VAN STEENBERGEN

John L. MELOY, American University of Beirut

Egyptian-Indian Diplomacy through Late Medieval Mecca

Eric VALET, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Umara' wa-muluk. La place des émirs dans la diplomatie mamluko-rasulide (XIII^e-XV^e siècle)

Stephan CONERMANN, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

Some Remarks on the Diplomatic Relations between Cairo, Delhi/Daulatabad and Ahmadabad during the 14th and the 15th Centuries

Lunch, 12:30-14:30

Mamluks and Africa, 14.30-15.30

Chair: Ludvik KALUS

Julien LOISEAU, Université Montpellier-III/Paul Valéry

Le sultan et le Hati. Lettres et ambassades de l'empereur d'Éthiopie à la cour mamelouke

Rémi DEWIÈRE, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Peace Be upon Who Follow the Right Way. Diplomatic Practices between Mamluk Cairo and a Sahelian Sultanate at the End of the 14th Century

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