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Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland, 5–7 June 2014



Colloquium Programme

Thursday 5 June 2014

9.00-10.00 Registration

10.00-12.00 Opening Plenary: People, politics, space and holiness in Jerusalem

Chair: Ari Kerkkänen

Prof. emer. Moshe Maoz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): “East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount/Haram as-sharif after June 1967: a turning point in Muslim -Jewish mutual relations”

Prof. Mustafa Abu Sway (Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali’s Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University): “Holiness and Jerusalem from the Islamic Perspective with a specific focus on Al-Aqsa Mosque: History and Importance of the Hashemite Custodianship”

Anna Veeder (Emek Shaveh): “Remaking the city: Archaeological Projects of Political Import in Jerusalem’s Old City and the Village of Silwan”

Comment: Dr. Martti Eirola, Representative Office of Finland to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah.

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12.00-13.00 Lunch break
Registration continues (12.00-12.30)

13.00-14.30	Sessions I-III
14.30-14.45	Coffee
14.45-16.15	Sessions IV-VI
16.30-17.45	Keynote I Prof. Mark LeVine, University of California: "One Land, Two States: How a Parallel States Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict can Serve as a model for Territorial Conflicts Globally" Armfelt. (A102)
17.45-18.15	Introduction to the Qasid Arabic Institute by Mr. Anik Misra, Director of Study Abroad Programs. Armfelt (A102)
19.00-21.00	Reception at Kafé Arken. Words of Welcome: Mr. Mikko Lohikoski, City of Turku

Friday 6 June 2014

8.30-9.00	Registration continues
9.00-10.00	Keynote II Prof. Catharina Raudvere, Københavns Universitet: "After the War, before the Future. Public Representation of Memory and Belonging in Bosnia and Herzegovina" Auditorium: Armfelt (A102)
10.00-10.30	Coffee
10.30-12.30	Sessions VII-IX
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-15.00	Sessions X-XII
15.15-15.45	Coffee
15.45-17.30	Sessions XIII-XV
18.00-19.30	Documentary film <i>Kings of the Valley: Where would we go from here?</i> by Heli Pekkonen & Lea Pakkanen Armfelt (A102)

Saturday 7 June 2014

8.30-9.00	Registration continues
9.00-10.00	Keynote III Prof. Philip Alexander, Manchester University: "The Jewish-Christian Controversy in Late Antiquity: Counter-Exegesis and Counter-Narrative as Polemical Strategies" Auditorium: Armfelt (A102)
10.00-10.30	Coffee
10.30-12.00	Sessions XVI-XVII
12.00-13.00	Lunch break
13.00-14.30	Session XVIII
15.00-16.30	City walk

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Sessions programme

Thursday 5 June

Sessions I–III: 13.00–14.30

Session I “Ancient Near East” Voltaire (M127)

Chair: Antti Laato

- Antti Laato: ”Making Chronology for Postexilic Israel”
Stefan Green: ”Conflicts and tension in Isa 65–66 and 1 Enoch: How does a post-exilic prophetic text in the Hebrew Bible relate to the Jewish apocalyptic genre in the intertestamental period?”
Jukka Palola: ”Ma’at and Zedek, gods and cosmic world order in the Ancient Near East”

Session II “Women, religion and society” Helikon (A202)

Chair: Sylvia Akar

- Mulki Al-Sharmani: ”Muslim Feminist Engagements with Islamic Tradition: Some Reflections on Egypt”
Aura Lounasmaa: ”Religion v. rights: dichotomies in Moroccan women’s civil society activism”
Nelia Hyndman-Rizk: ”Civil Marriage, Not Civil War: The Lebanese Women’s Movement and the Search for Secular”
Citizenship”

Session III: “Youthful voices in the turmoil:

The challenge of coexistence in plural societies at the turn of the Arab uprisings” Armfelt (A102)

Chair: Bruno Lefort

- Bruno Lefort
& Caroline Ronsin: ”Group styles and boundaries in university settings: a comparative perspective of co-existence among Lebanese and Jordanian students”
Karim Maïche: ”Challenging asymmetric political co-existence: The youth aspirations in the Algerian autonomous trade unions”
Sandra Nasser el-Dine: ”Conflicting expectations – Arab youth experiences of courtship and marriage”
Henri Onodera: ”Politics as life-sphere: Youth activism and the question of multiple transitions in Mubarak’s Egypt”

Sessions IV–VI 14.45–16.15

Session IV: “Insights into Jesus” Voltaire (M127)

Chair: Pekka Lindqvist

- Juho Sankamo: ”Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem”
Lauri Thurén: ”Jesus the Victorizer? The Parables as Conflict Stories”

Session V: "Media perspectives" Helikon (A202)**Chair: Teuvo Laitila**

- Lamia Galal Faraag: "Challenges faced by Egyptian media between Islamism and Militarism rule"
Ehab Galal: "From heroes to pariahs: Media strategies of Islamists in Egypt before and after June 2013"
Teuvo Laitila: "The 1995 Srebrenica massacre in the Finnish press: 'neutral' information, ethical stand-taking or" just a piece of news?"

Session VI: "Religious recognition in Christianity, Judaism and Greco-Roman Thought" Armfelt (A102)**By the Centre of Excellence in Reason and Religious Recognition Research at the University of Helsinki, 2014 -2019****Chair: Ismo Dunderberg**

- Joonas Salminen: "Concord and City Life: Clement of Alexandria on how Christians should behave in public"
Outi Lehtipuu: "Conflict between and within Religious Groups: Justin the Jew, Trypho the Christian and Resurrection"
Anna-Liisa Tolonen: "Co-existence – reading the martyrdoms of the Maccabees in Jewish, Christian, and Greco-Roman context"
Maijastina Kahlos: Response

Friday 6 June

Sessions VII–IX 10.30–12.30

Session VII: "Divisions and diversity within umma" Voltaire (M127)**Chair: Hannu Juusola**

- Simon Mabon
and Sossie Kasbarian: "Bahrain: Political Dynamics from Above and Below Bahrain"
Martin Strohmeier: "From Ömeriye to Omeriye: A Mosque in Nicosia"
Liisa Liimatainen: "The cold war between Sunni and Shia muslims seen through the internal situation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia"
Reza Tabandeh: "Uneasy marriage of exoteric clerics with esoteric Sufis"

Session VIII: "Muslim Brotherhood and opposition in Egypt" Armfelt (A102)**Chair: Lotta-Liina Mustonen**

- Ibrahim G. Aoudé: "Egypt, The Muslim Brothers and the June 30 Uprising"
Lucia Ardovini: "The Muslim Brotherhood and Egyptian society: a deteriorating co-existence?"
Mohammed Alschaar: "The religious and the political in Egypt. The period of Muslim Brotherhood"
Lotta-Liina Mustonen: "Framing the fight for democratic legitimacy in Egypt after June 2013"

Session IX "Religion, Identity and Peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine" Helikon (A202)**Chair: Fiona McCallum**

- Fiona McCallum: "Religion as a Peace Building Tool in Israel-Palestine"
Quinn P. Coffey: "Palestinian Christian Perspectives on Christian Zionism "
Mark Daniel Calder: "We are the Mother of the Arabs! Reorienting Syriac Orthodox selfhood in the Bethlehem reserve"
Yvonne
Margaretha Wang: "Religious Peacebuilding and the Stigma of Normalization"

Sessions X–XII 13.30–15.00

Session X: “International relations: security and conflict” Armfelt (A102)

Chair: Hannu Juusola

- Dr Simon Mabon: ”Sovereignty’s Sorites Paradox and the Middle East States System”
S. Gulden Ayman: ”The Core Component for a New Middle East Regional Security Architecture”
Armenak Tokmajyan: ”Media-created virtual sphere and the Syrian conflict: How politicizing religion can jeopardize the coexistence of religious groups in Syria”
Dr. Ali Granmayeh: ”Sectarian Divide and Security Concerns in the Middle East”
Comment: HE Kari Kahiluoto (Ambassador of Finland to Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq)

Session XI: “Ancient Egypt” Voltaire (M127)

Chair: Antti Laato

- Patricia Berg: ”Travelling in Ancient Egyptian texts”
Jaana Toivari-Viitala: ”Ancient Nubia and Egypt: aspects of concord, conflict and co-existence”

Session XII: “Religion and state: Islamist movements and institutions in politics” Helikon (A202)

Chair: Halil Gürhanlı

- Barbara De Poli: ”Arab revolts and ‘Civil State’: a new term for old conflicts between Islamism and secularism”
Nina Björkman: ”Hizb ut-Tahrir and the Middle East”
Frej Stambouli: ”The Tribe at the Maghrebi City Periphery. Ibn Khaldun revisited”
Alosaimi Abdullah: ”Conflict trend in Yemen: Conflict Challenges and Co-existence Opportunities”

Sessions XIII–XV 15.45–17.30

Session XIII: “Cultures, Societies, Crises: Northern Africa/Maghreb” Armfelt (A102)

Chair: Tuomo Melasuo

- Marianne Laanatta: ”Libya – How to understand its chaotic structure and how to rebuild the state?”
Yahia H. Zoubir
& Souadou Lagdaf: ”The Protracted Conflict in Western Sahara:
”Conflicting Foreign Interests as an Obstacle to a Definitive Solution”
Minna Rantama: ”Reconstructing Security: Interpreting the Police with Tunisian Student Union Activists”

Session XIV: “Interreligious encounters” Voltaire (M127)

Chair: Ruth Illman

- Pekka Lindqvist: ”A Common Word 6½ years later – the document and responses from the Christian world revisited”
Timo R. Stewart: ”Admiration and Loathing in Jerusalem: Two Sides of the Same Coin?”

Session XV: “Contemporary Turkey” Helikon (A202)

Chair: Mika Suonpää

- Toni Alaranta: ”Political Parties and the Production of Islam-Secularism Cleavage in Turkey”
Tim Jacoby: ”Peace, Reform and the Limits of Military Power in Turkey”
Laura Wickström: ”Secular and religious environmentalism in contemporary Turkey”

Saturday 7 June

Sessions XVI–XVII, 10.00–11.30

Session XVI: “Communicating social change: Social media, art and architecture” Helikon (A202)

Chair: Nelia Hyndman-Rizk

- Eymen Homsî: “The Kaaba’s New Neighbor: The Kaaba’s New Neighbors: Luxury Towers and the Dwarfing of the Kaaba”
Luis Ferro: “A Sacred Landscape: The Cubas from the Kûra of Beja.”
Mikko Mäki: “Can Contemporary Art Democratize Arab Societies?”
Päivi Miettunen: “Virtual Creativity – New Forms of Expression among the Middle Eastern Youth”

Session XVII: “Ethnicity in the Biblical World”: Part I Armfelt (A102)

By Jutta Jokiranta and Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions CSTT Session by Centre of Excellence 2014–2019 in cooperation with Horvat Kur/Kinneret Regional Project

Chair: Martti Nissinen: *Concord, Conflict and Co-existence:*

What has the CoE Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions to offer?

- Raz Kletter: “Can a Proto-Israelite Please Stand Up? Ethnicity and Iron Age Palestine/Israel”
Izaak de Hulster: “Ethnicity and ‘the myth of the reborn nation. (Collective) Identity, Monotheism, and the Use of Figurines in Yehud”

Session XVIII, 11.30–13.00

Session XVIII: “Ethnicity in the Biblical World”: Part II Armfelt (A102)

Chair: Martti Nissinen

- Jutta Jokiranta: “Was there room for strangers in the Qumran movement?
Ethnic identity in the sectarian movement”
Rick Bonnie: “What does Jewish mean in Galilee at the time of the second century AD?”
Ulla Tervahauta: “Christians and Jews: Co-existence in Byzantine Palestine”