The battle of Yarmûk (636 CE)
Rethinking ‘conquest’ in the Late Antique Near East from Byzantium to Islam
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Friday, June 16, 2017

9.00 Introduction
9.10 Welcoming address of the Ephorus V. DRECOTT

Framing conquest
Chair: J. VAN ESS

9.20 T. RAUM (Tübingen), Byzantium on the eve of the conquests
10.00 J. HOWARD-JOHNSTON (Oxford), The Arab conquests of the Roman Levant: The sources
10.40 Coffee break
11.00 S. KOVARIK (Oxford), Conquests and papyri in 7th-century Egypt
11.40 A. MARSHAM (Edinburgh), Were there strategic considerations in the 7th-century Arab conquests?
12.20 Lunch break

The battle of Yarmûk in the Arabic historical tradition
Chair: K. FRANZ

14.00 M. AKPINAR (Tübingen), Searching for the earliest layers in the Arabic sources
14.40 M. SCHÖNLEBER (Budapest), The narration of the events preceding the battle
15.20 Coffee break
15.40 J. SIECHER (Göttingen), Narrating the battle movement
16.20 Y. DEGHANI FARSANI (Göttingen), Religious and military designations of Muslims and Byzantines
17.00 Coffee break

Processing conquest
Chair: M. MEIER

18.00 W. BRANDES (Frankfurt), Überlegungen zum Constans-Vaticinium

19.00 Keynote
Walter E. KAEGI (Chicago)
Retrospective reflections on military operations at Yarmûk and vicinity

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9.00 Processing conquest (continued)
Chair: E.M. CONNER

9.40 L. M. FRENKEL (São Paulo), The influence of Late Antique religious polemical discourse on Early Byzantine perceptions of the first Muslim victories
10.00 C. ZUCKERMAN (Paris), The sixty martyrs of Gaza
10.20 Coffee break

Material approaches
Chair: M. RITTER

10.40 M. PHILLIPS & S. TYLER-SMITH (Biggleswade/Cambridge), From ‘Ancient’ to ‘Medieval’: Coinage as evidence for the nature of historical change. The case of 7th-century Syria
11.20 L. ILISCH (Tübingen), A new old 7th-century coin hoard from the Aleppo region
12.00 Lunch break
13.40 R. SCHICK (Mainz), The Byzantine-Umayyad transition in southern Jordan
14.20 K. MEINECKE (Wien), Syria capta. Herrschaftsanspruch in der Bildersprache der Umayyaden
15.00 Coffee break

Distant voices
Chair: P. TESDECO

15.20 K. CHODA (Tübingen), Argumentum ex silentio? Religiöse Überzeugungsstrategie in der Continuatio Byzantina-Arabica
16.00 M. CONTERNO (Ghent), History with and without Yarmûk: the double account of the 7th century in Agapius of Mabbug
16.40 P. PILETTE (Louvain-la-Neuve), The 7th century in the History of the churches and monasteries of Egypt
17.20 Coffee break

18.00 Evening lecture
M. PENN (Stanford)
Syriac Christian memories of the Islamic conquests

18.00 Closing lecture and discussion
Fred M. DONNER (Chicago)
The conquests of the Arabian Believers’ movement as historiographically conceptual and historical reality

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