

Location:

Lecture theatre G6, UCL Institute of Archaeology,
31-34 Gordon Square, London

Organizer:

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This event is part of a broader initiative 'Rethinking the Islamic State' organised by the UCL Islamic Archaeology Network. A follow-up Early Career Researcher Workshop 'Researching the Islamic State: New Challenges and Opportunities' will be held on March 28th-29th. More information can be found at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/research/directory/rethinking-islamic-state>

The medieval roots of the Islamic state have never been more relevant or misunderstood. This two-day colloquium brings together historians, archaeologists and art historians to discuss and debate the emergence of the earliest Islamic states and the nature of Muslim sovereignty, power and politics between 600-1000CE.



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The Origins of the Islamic State

Power and Sovereignty in the Early Middle Ages

16th-17th February 2017



Thursday 16th February

10:30-11:15 *Registration and Coffee*

11:15-11:30 Introduction

Corisande Fenwick, UCL

11:30-12:30

Keynote Lecture: Early Islam in Comparative Perspective: How Different was the Caliphate?

Andrew Marsham, University of Edinburgh

Respondent: David Wengrow, UCL

12:30-1:30 *Lunch break*

1:30-2:15 Thinking the Islamic State anew

Annliese Nef, Université Paris 1- Panthéon Sorbonne

2:15- 3:00 The early Islamic state as an economic actor

Hugh Kennedy, SOAS

3:00 - 3:45 Conceptualising the Study of Early Islamic Elites

Simon Gundelfinger, Hannah Hagemann, Ahmad Khan, and Peter Verkinderen, University of Hamburg

3:45 -4:15 *Coffee in Leventis Gallery*

4:15- 5:00 Paying for the Caliphate - Fiscal practice in the documents of the Abbasid period and the continuing formation of the Early Islamic State

Marie Legendre, SOAS

5:00- 5:45 Taxation and protest against the early Islamic empire

Edmund Hayes, University of Tuebingen/ Leiden

6:00 *Drinks Reception in Leventis Gallery*

7:30 *Dinner for speakers, Carluccio's.*



Friday 17th February

9:30- 10:00 *Registration and Coffee*

10 – 10:15: Welcome

10: 15 How to Found an Islamic State: Rulership, Authority and City-building in Medieval North Africa

Corisande Fenwick, UCL

1100-1130 *Coffee in Leventis Gallery*

11:30-12:15 The Malwiyya of Samarra: Symbol of Caliphal Authority

Andrew Petersen, University of Wales, Trinity St David

12:15- 1pm When the mosque was an extension of the palace: the mihrab as throne-room?

Simon O'Meara, SOAS

1-2pm *Lunch break*

2pm-2:45 When the man of Ma'āfir ruled al-Andalus: caliphal legitimacy and power exercise in the Tenth Century

Xavier Ballestin, Universitat de Barcelona

2:45- 3:30 Revelational Politics: Justifying the Necessity of the Caliphate in Medieval Sunni Theological Writings

Han-Hsien Liew, Harvard

3:30pm- 4:00 *Coffee in Leventis Gallery*

4:00-4:45 The Futuh in contemporary Muslim education in Britain

Philip Wood, Aga Khan

4:45- 5:30pm Keynote Lecture: Daesh-Isis: the use and abuse of early Islamic history

Hugh Kennedy, SOAS

5:30-6:30 Final Discussion for speakers

7:30 *Dinner for speakers, Life Goddess*