



# The battle of Yarmūk (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. DRECOLL
- 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 7<sup>th</sup>-century Egypt  
11.40 A. MARSHAM (Edinburgh), Were there strategic considerations in the 7<sup>th</sup>-century Arab conquests?  
12.20 *Lunch break*
- The battle of Yarmūk 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. SCHÖNLÉBER (Budapest), The narration of the events preceding the battle  
15.20 *Coffee break*  
15.40 J. SCHEINER (Göttingen), Narrating the battle movement  
16.20 Y. DEGHANI FARSAANI (Göttingen), Religious and military designations of Muslims and Byzantines  
17.00 *Coffee break*
- Processing conquest*  
Chair: M. MEIER
- 17.20 F. MONTINARO (Tübingen), On some sources for the reign of Constans II  
18.00 W. BRANDES (Frankfurt), Überlegungen zum *Constans-Vaticinium*

19.00 *Keynote*

Walter E. KAEGI (Chicago)

Retrospective reflections on military operations at Yarmūk and vicinity

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- Processing conquest (continued)*  
Chair: E.M. CONNER
- 9.00 L.M. FRENKEL (São Paulo), The influence of Late Antique religious polemical discourse on Early Byzantine perceptions of the first Muslim victories  
9.40 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 7<sup>th</sup>-century Syria  
11.20 L. ILISCH (Tübingen), A new old 7<sup>th</sup>-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. TEDESCO
- 15.20 K. CHODA (Tübingen), *Argumentum ex silentio?* Religiöse Überzeugungsstrategie in der *Continuatio Byzantia-Arabica*  
16.00 M. CONTERNO (Ghent), History with and without Yarmūk: the double account of the 7<sup>th</sup> century in Agapius of Mabbug  
16.40 P. PILETTE (Louvain-la-Neuve), The 7<sup>th</sup> 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

19.00 *Closing lecture and discussion*

Fred M. DONNER (Chicago)

The conquests of the Arabian Believers' movement as historiographical concept and historical reality