June 23, 2014 Themed Day on al-Suyūṭī

8.45-9.30 Registration

9.30-9.40 Welcome word

9.40-11.20 Chair: Thomas Bauer
ÉRIC GEOFFROY, Al-Suyūṭī as a Šūfī
JAAKKO HÄMEEN ANTTILA, Al-Suyūṭī and Erotic Literature
RODICA FIRANESCU, Revisiting Love and Coquetry in Medieval Arabic Islam: al-Suyūṭī’s Perspective

11.20-11.40 Coffee break

11.40-13.20 Chair: Jaakko Hämeen Anttila
STEPHEN R. BURGE, Al-Suyūṭī’s Qur’ānic Hermeneutics Revised: A Comparison of his Taḥbīr and Itqān
MAHMOOD IBRAHIM, Social Origin of Qur’ānic Abrogation: Al-Suyūṭī on the Issue of Nashk
JOEL BLECHER, Al-Suyūṭī and the Art of Ḥadīth Commentary: The Case of Ta’zīr
FRANCESCO GRANDE, L’histoire tend au système: The Protohistory of Arabic in the Muzhir of al-Suyūṭī discussion

13.20-14.40 Lunch (free)

14.40 -16.20 Chair: Frédéric Bauden
MUSTAFA BANISTER, Casting the Caliph in a Cosmic Role: The Transmission of al-Suyūṭī’s Historical Vision
CHRISTIAN MAUDER, Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī’s Stance Toward Worldly Power: a Reexamination Based on Unpublished Sources
TAKAO ITO, Al-Suyūṭī and Problems of the Waqf
JUDITH KINDINGER, Reconceiving the Ṭaylasān in al-Suyūṭī’s Works discussion

16.20-16.40 Coffee break

16.40-18.00 Chair: Marlis Saleh
MICHELE PETRONE, Al-Suyūṭī in the Catalogues of West African Collections of Manuscripts
CHRISTOPHER BAHL, The Raf’ Sha’n al-Hubshān by Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī or “Preservation Through Elaboration in the ‘Historicisation’ of the Abyssinians”
YOSHUAAT PATEL, Al-Suyūṭī on the Relative Value of Skin Color discussion
June 24, 2014 Panels

9.00-10.40 Panel 1: *Venice and Mamlūk Egypt* (Maria Pia Pedani)

*Maria Pia Pedani, Mamlūk-Venetian Relations*

*Georg Christ, Urban Transhumance: Mamlūk Imperial Power and Venetian Trade between Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta (Early 15th Century)*

*Yutaka Horii, The Venetian Consul and Trade in Late Mamlūk Egypt*

*Alessio Sopracasa, The Mamlūk Economic and Administrative Apparatus Managing the International Trade in Alexandria between the Second Half of the 15th and the Beginning of the 16th Century (with Some Topographical Elements Related)*

Discussion

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.40 Panel 2: *Mamlūk Palestine and Bilād al-Shām* (Yaacov Lev)

*Yaacov Lev, The 666/1267–1268 Truce between Sultan Baybars and Hugh III of Acre: Political and Geographical Aspects*

*Joseph Drory, Arqutay, an Influential Safed Governor and Cairene Statesman*

*Yehoshua Frenkel, Mamlūk Bilād al-Shām: The Contribution of Environmental History to the Study of Land Tenure*

*Hanara Taragan, Mamlūk Patronage, Crusader Memories: Spolia and Appropriation in 13th-Century Bilād al-Shām*

Discussion

12.40-14.00 Lunch (free)

14.00-15.20 Panel 3: *The “Archival Turn,” or How Mamlūk Diplomacy Serves Mamlūk History* (Malika Dekkiche)

*Frédéric Bauden, Bandar al-Ṭūr, a Harbor on the Red Sea and its Significance for the Mamlūks*

*Marina Rustow, An Unpublished Mamlūk Legal Document from the Cairo Geniza*

*Tamer El-Lethy, The Biography of a Coptic Alley in Cairo: Reproducing Home and Family, Rethinking (Dhimmi) Community and (Muslim) Courts*

Discussion

15.40 Guided tour to the State Archives

*Important:* since accessibility is limited, those who are interested in taking part in the visit are kindly required to write to the organizer (smsvenice2014@unive.it) by May 15 in order to confirm their participation.

19.00 Social dinner
June 25, 2014 Panels

09.00-11.10 Panel 4: Scribal Culture and Practice in the Mamlûk Empire (Elias Muhanna – Adam Talib)

Elias Muhanna, Innovation and Tradition in Scribal (Best) Practices: The Concept of İstilâh in Chancery Literature
Konrad Hirschler, Moving beyond the Centre: Scribes in the Officers’ Administration
Maurice Pomerantz, The Administrative Imaginary: Governance, Geography, and Trade in a Maqâmah Collection of the 8th/14th Century
Adam Talib, The Professional Professionals: The Illusion of Personality in the Works of Ibn Hijjah al-Hamawi and His Fellow Scribal Professionals

Discussion

11.10-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.50 Panel 5 Boundaries of Epistemological Models in the Mamlûk Period (Caterina Bori – Livnat Holtzmann; chair: Giovanna Calasso)

Caterina Bori, Fırâsah as a Source of Legal Judgment, or a “Semiotic” Paradigm in the Service of Justice
Giuseppe Cecere, Sanctity and Knowledge in Ibn ‘Atâ’ Allâh al-Iskandarî: A Sunni Şûfi
Frank Griffel, The Epistemological Foundation of Ibn Taymiyyah’s Critique Against Mainstream Ash’arism
Livnat Holtzmann, The Dream-Interpreter and the Later Ḥanbalîs: Regulating Oneiromancy in Mamlûk Damascus

Discussion

12.50-14.20 Lunch (free)

14.20-16.00 Panel 6 Marked Bodies: Meanings and Practices (Marion Katz)

Marion Holmes Katz, Fattening up in Medieval Cairo: Religion, Medicine, and the Social Meanings of Body Size
Richard McGregor, Thinking about Looking: Relics and the Rhetoric of the Body in Mamlûk Egypt
Kristina Richardson, Blue and Green Eyes in the Islamicate Middle Ages
Syinx van Hees, Descriptions of the Body in Biographies and their Social Meanings

16.00-16.20 Coffee break

16.20-17.20 Panel 7 Conceiving Space in 14th-Century Syrian Ḥanbalî Religious Thought (Livnat Holtzman)

Antonia Bosanquet, Spacing Paradise: Ibn al-Qayyim’s Discussion of Non-Muslims and the Afterlife
Jon Hoover, Ibn Taymiyyah on God’s Relation to Space

17.20-18.00 Concluding remarks