WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2019
M.E.S.S. 2019: RELIGIONS IN MONGOL EURASIA

09.00-09.15       Opening Remarks

09.15-10.30       SESSION 1 – RELIGIOUS ECONOMIES

Enerelt Enkhbold | National University of Mongolia
Mongol Tax Policy On Religions: A Macroeconomic Perspective

Or Amir | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Divination as Cultural Capital Across Mongol Eurasia: A Mamluk Perspective

Yoichi Isahaya | Hokkaido University
From Alamūt to Marāgha: Religious Polarization and Scientific Commonalization

Discussant: Marie Favereau | University of Oxford

10.30-11.00       COFFEE BREAK

11.00-12.15       SESSION 2 – GOLDEN HORDE

Qiu Yihao | Fudan University
Genealogical Perspective on Berke’s Islamic Conversion

Alexander Uzelac | Institute of History, Belgrade
Religious Conditions in the Western Lands of the Golden Horde

Szilvia Kovács | MTA–ELTE–SZTE Silk Road Research Group and University of Szeged
Elias of Hungary, a Franciscan Diplomat in the Golden Horde

Discussant: Ekaterini Mitsiou | Göttingen Academy of Sciences / Austrian Academy of Sciences

12.15-13.45       LUNCH BREAK (FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS)

13.45-14.45       SESSION 3 – RELIGIONS AND NARRATIVES

Johannes Gießauf | University of Graz
Religions in the Mongol Empire(s) through Christian eyes

Konstantin Golev | Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Witch-hunt in the Mongol Empire: Traditional Mongol Religion vs. Witchcraft

Discussant: Pier Giorgio Borbone | University of Pisa

14.45-15.15       COFFEE BREAK

15.15-16.30       SESSION 4 – RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL AND BUREAUCRATIZATION

Martón Vér | Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences
Religious Communities and the Spread of Information in East Turkestan under Mongol Rule

Francesca Fiaschetti | University of Vienna
Religious Pluralism and Legitimacy in Mid-Yuan China

Qiao Yang | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Managing the Knowledge of the Future: Local Divination Schools in Yuan China (1271-1368)

Discussant: Jana Valtrová | Masaryk University

16.30-17.00       COFFEE BREAK

17.00-18.15       KEYNOTE LECTURE

Peter Jackson | Keele University
The Mongols and Religions: Precocious Tolerance or Cynical Manipulation?

Discussant: Philippe Buc | University of Vienna

THURSDAY MAY 16, 2019
THE MONGOLS AND RELIGIONS

9.00-9.20       Opening Remarks

SESSION 1       CHRISTIANITY PAST AND PRESENT

Philippe Buc | University of Vienna and Florian Schwarz | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Chair: Werner Maleczek | University of Vienna

09.20-09.40     Jana Valtrová | Masaryk University
Reconsidering Franciscan martyrdoms under the Yüan dynasty

09.40-10.00     Kherlentsetseg Damdindorj | Humboldt University of Berlin
Missionierung in der Mongolei: Gemeinde als Zufluchtsort

10.00-10.30     COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2       RELIGIONS IN MONGOL CHINA

Chair: Thomas Ertl | Freie Universität Berlin

10.30-10.50     Jesse D. Sloane | Yonsei University
Discontinuities in Confucian Rites in the Sacred Geography of North China under the Great Yuan Ulus

10.50-11.10     Junfu Wong | Cambridge University
Exemplary Women in Daoist Shamanist Mongol China: Comparative Reading of Iranian and Chinese Religious Interpretation of Women (CE 1271-1368)

11.10-11.30     Xiaobai Hu | University of Pennsylvania
Stick to the Mongol Way? Religion, Frontier Politics and Lineage Construction in early Ming northwest China

11.30-12.00     Discussion

12:00-13:30     LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 3  ISLAM BETWEEN KHANATES

Chair: Florian Schwarz | Austrian Academy of Sciences

13.30-13.50 Miklós Sárközy | Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Reassessing Mongol-Nizārī contacts in the Ilkhanid period

13.50-14.10 Csaba Gónóc | University of Szeged
“Pagan” Divination Practices as “Miracle” of Islam in Ötämiš Ḥājjī’s Story of Bärkā Khan

14.10-14.30 Bruno De Nicola | Goldsmiths, University of London / Austrian Academy of Sciences
“Innovators” and “free thinkers”: Some considerations on antinomian Sufis in Ilkhanid Iran

14.30-14.50 Discussion

15.00-15.30 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 4  RELIGIONS OF THE ILKHANATE

Chair: Bert G. Fragner | Austrian Academy of Sciences

15.30-15.50 Yuka Kadoi | University of Vienna
Revisiting Buddhism in Ilkhanid Iran: Archaeology, Toponymy and Visual Culture

15.50-16.10 Shervin Farridnejad | Austrian Academy of Sciences
„Death and Destruction: Zoroastrians during Turco-Mongol Invasions and in the Aftermath”

16.10-16.30 Na’ama O. Arom | Bar-Ilan University
The Mongols’ Religious Attitude – the Case of Judaism

16.30-17.00 Discussion

19.00 DINNER (FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS)

SESSION 5  IMPERIAL RELIGIONS: CONQUEST AND TOLERANCE

Chair: Ute Wallenböck | Palacký University Olomouc

09.00-09.20 Sally Greenland | Columbia University
Sorpoştani Beki, Töregene, and Yisüi: Three of the Mongol Empire’s Most Powerful Women and the Mongol Invasion of Tibet

09.20-09.40 Erica Danielle Connerney | Pace University
Zingis Khan and Mr. Locke: The Imperial Mongols and Religious Tolerance

09.40-10.00 Discussion

10.00-10.40 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 6  MONGOLS AND RELIGION IN EASTERN EUROPE

Chair: Balázs Nagy | Eötvös Loránd University / Central European University

10.40-11.00 József Laszlovszky | Central European University
Batu went up on a “Hilltop”: Religious and Ceremonial Preparations before the Battle of Muhi

11.00-11.20 Dorottya Uhrin | Eötvös Loránd University
Nomadic Folk Religion and Decapitation of Enemies

11.20-11.40 Stephen Pow | Central European University
Escaping Iron Prisons and Seeking the Relics of the Three Kings: Did the Mongols Promote Religious Misconceptions about Themselves?

11.40-12.00 Discussion

VIENNA - MAY 15-17, 2019

International Conference

THE MONGOLS AND RELIGIONS

LOCATION:
May 15: C3 – Centrum für Internationale Entwicklung
Alois Wagner Saal
Sensengasse 3, 1090 Vienna

May 16-17: Austrian Academy of Science
Institut of Iranian Studies
Seminar Room 49, 1st Floor
Hollandstraße 11-13, 1020 Vienna

Please register until May 3, 2019 to secure a seat.
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