

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

SESSION 1 CHRISTIANITY PAST AND PRESENT

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 Ilkhānid period
- 13.50-14.10** **Csaba Göncöl** | University of Szeged
"Pagan" Divination Practices as "Miracle" of Islam in Ötāmiš Ḥājjī's Story of Bārka 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"
- 14.30-15.00** Discussion
- 15.00-15.30** COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 4 RELIGIONS OF THE ILKHANATE

- Chair: **Bert G. Fagner** | 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)

FRIDAY MAY 17, 2019

SESSION 5 IMPERIAL RELIGIONS: CONQUEST AND TOLERANCE

- Chair: **Ute Wallenböck** | Palacký University Olomouc
- 09.00-09.20** **Sally Greenland** | Columbia University
Sorqoqtani 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

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International Conference

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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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