

International Conference

HOMAGE TO ABDUL-KARIM RAFEQ

RECENT RESEARCH ON BILAD AL-SHAM UNDER OTTOMAN RULE (1517-1918):

THE LAST THREE DECADES OF HISTORIOGRAPHY;
PERIODIZATION AND PATTERNS OF SOCIAL HISTORY, GENERAL TRENDS

May 28, 2004 (arrival) to June 3, 2004 (departure)
Beirut/Lebanon, Damascus/Syria.

Hosting Institutions:

Orient-Institute Beirut (OIB)
Prof. Manfred Kropp, Dr. (des) Stefan Weber
Institut Français du Proche Orient à Damas (IFPO)
Prof. Christian Décobert, Prof. Floréal Sanagustin, Dr. Sarab Atassi

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University, Boston/MA/USA, Prof. Leila Fawaz
History Department and Middle East Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake
City/UT/USA, Prof. Peter Sluglett

Friday, May 28, Beirut

Arrival of participants

OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

19:00

Christian Décobert

Floréal Sanagustin

Manfred Kropp

EVENING LECTURE

19:30 – 21:00

Nelly Hanna

The core and periphery of Ottoman studies on the Arab world.

Welcome and technical remarks

Saturday, May 29, Beirut

BEIRUT, OIB

The Early Ottoman Period (16th to early 19th centuries)

1. SESSION: THE OTTOMAN CONQUEST OF BILAD AL-SHĀM

Chair: Adnan Bakhit

9:00 – 9:30

Axel Havemann

Lebanon's Ottoman past in modern Lebanese history writing.

9:30 – 10:00

Thomas Philipp

The economic impact of the Ottoman conquest on the Bilad al-Sham.

10:00 – 10:30

Cheikh Jaafar al-Muhajer

L'influence de l'occupation ottomane de la région du Sham sur les centres religieux du Jabal Amil dont la grande émigration amiliyya en Iran et ses conséquences culturelles et politiques.

10:30 – 11:00 coffee break

2. SESSION: REALITIES AND PHENOMENOLOGY OF OTTOMAN RULE IN BILAD AL-SHAM

Chair: Issam Khalifeh

11:00 – 11:30

Toru Miura

The Salihyya quarter of Damascus at the beginning of Ottoman rule.

11:30 – 12:00

Khayriyya Kasmieh

The development of Haifa up to the beginning of the 20th century.

12:00 – 12:30

Bernard Heyberger

Christians in the towns of Syria.

12:30 – 14:00 lunch break

3. SESSION: THE OTTOMANS AND LEBANON IN THE FIRST CENTURIES

Chair: Philip Mansel

14:00 – 14:30

Massoud Dahir

The role of the Lebanese leader in the early Ottoman period: the Ma'n family as a case study. (in Arabic)

14:30 – 15:00

Farouk Hoblos

Les impôts ottomans avec les services publiques dans les régions de wilayat Tripoli.

15:00 – 16:00

General discussion: the beginning of Ottoman rule – a moment of epochal change?

Sunday, May 30, Beirut

BEIRUT, OIB

The Early Ottoman Period (16th to early 19th centuries)

I. SESSION: THE 18TH CENTURY AND THE COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL ELITES OF BILAD AL-SHĀM

Chair: Mohammad Afifi

9:00 – 9:30

Daniel Crecelius

The nature of the trade between the Egyptian port of Damietta and the Syrian coastal ports in the late 18th century.

9:30 – 10:00

Stefan Weber

An agha, a house and a merchant family: urban development in 18th century Sayda in a wider framework.

10:00 – 10:30

Brigitte Marino

Ismail Pacha, premier gouverneur de la famille Azem à Damas (1725-1730).

10:30 – 11:00 coffee break

11:00 – 11:30

Mohannad Mbaydeen

Commercial insights from the history of Damascus during the first half of the 18th century.

2. SESSION: HOUSEHOLDS AND ASPECTS OF DAILY LIFE UP TO THE 18TH CENTURY

Chair: Manfred Kropp

11:30 – 12:00

Astrid Meier

Patterns of family formation in Ottoman Damascus, 16th to 18th centuries

12:00 – 12:30

Beshara Doumani

The family in the archives: A comparative analysis of the Islamic court records of Tripoli and Nablus from the late 17th to the late 19th centuries.

12:30 – 14:00 lunch break

14:00 – 14:30

Martha Mundy

Islamic jurisprudence and the Ottoman order of state: doctrinal debates concerning the legal status of the cultivator (16th-18th centuries).

14:30 – 15:00

Hidemitsu Kuroki

The reality of oppression and the cause of revolt: the disturbance in Aleppo in 1784 and its aftermath.

15:00 – 16:00

General discussion: the 18th century as the age of the 'Ayān?

Monday, May 31

Transfer Beirut – Damascus

Tuesday, June 1

DAMASCUS IFPO

Later Ottoman Period, middle 19th to 1920

SESSION 1: THE SHIFT – FROM MAHMUT II TO THE PROVINCIAL REFORMS 1864

Chair: Abdallah Faisal

9:00 – 9:30

André Raymond

Un document de 1811, aux origines du plan d'Alep de Rousseau.

9:30 – 10:00

Stefan Knost

The impact of the 1822 earthquake in Aleppo on waqf administration.

10:00 – 10:30

Souad Selim

Christian waqf in Aleppo in the early 19th century.

10:30 – 11:00

Bruce Masters

The establishment of the Melkite Catholic Millet in 1848: The politics of identity in Tanzimat Syria.

11:00 – 11:30 coffee break

SESSION 2: THE NEW DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC LIFE AFTER 1864: PROTAGONISTS, ORGANISATION AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Chair: Muhammad Muhaffel

11:30 – 12:00

Randi Deguilhem

The new intellectuals in late Ottoman Damascus: Creating public opinion, creating public space.

12:00 – 12:30

Peter Sluglett

Municipalities in the late Ottoman Empire.

12:30 – 14:30 lunch break

Chair: Christian Décobert

14:30 – 15:00

Eugene Rogan

Damascus after 1860: The challenges of urban reconstruction after sectarian conflict.

15:00 – 15:30

Dick Douwes

Migration, faith and community; extra-local linkages in Coastal Syria.

15:30 – 16:00 coffee break

16:00 – 16:30

Dalal Arsuzi-Elamir

Uprisings in Antakiya 1918-1921: guided by the Faisal regime or locally initiated? New insights into political action in the Syrian province.

16:30 – 17:00

Maher al Sharif

Comment approcher l'histoire moderne de la Palestine.

17:00 – 18:00

General discussion: the long 19th century – or the two 19th centuries?

Wednesday, June 2

DAMASCUS IFPO

Later Ottoman Period, middle 19th to 1920

SESSION 1: SHAPING NEW URBAN SPACES: THE CASE OF LATE OTTOMAN DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT

Chair: Da`d Hakim

9:00 – 9:30

May Davie

Housing the poor in Beirut's 19th-century suburbs.

9:30 – 10:00

Leila Fawaz

Living troubled times and enjoying life: The memoirs of a French woman in mid-Nineteenth Century Beirut.

10:00 – 10:30 coffee break

Chair: Floréal Sanaugustin

10:30 – 11:00

Mary Christina Wilson

Damascus, 1840: the texture of everyday life.

11:00 – 11:30

Abd al-Razzaq Moaz

Les quartiers riches de Damas a l'époque ottomane.

11:30 – 12:00

Sarab Atassi

Qasr Uthman Nuri Pacha, et le développement des quartiers d'al-Afif et de Jisr al-Abyad a la fin de l'époque ottomane.

12:00 – 14:00 lunch break

SESSION 2: HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH ON BILĀD AL-SHĀM SINCE ABDUL KARIM RAFEQ

Chair: Abdul-Rahim Abu-Husayn

14:00 – 14:30

Akhir al-Unqud or the last grape on the vine. An essay to honour Abdul Karim Rafeq by Nicola Ziyadeh.

14:30 – 15:00

James Reilly

Rafeq's Ghazza: An early exploration of a secondary town.

15:00 – 15:30

Abdallah Hanna

The contribution of Abdul Karim Rafeq to the study of al-Nahda al-Arabiya.

15:30 – 16:00 coffee break

16:00 – 16:30

Ulrike Freitag

Arab historiography and the role of Abdul Karim Rafeq.

16:30 – 18:00

General discussion: the last thirty years: new trends of research on Bilad al-Shām?

Leila Fawaz, Thomas Philipp, André Raymond, Peter Sluglett, Adnan Bakhit: Concluding remarks
