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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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

Welcome and technical remarks

**Evening lecture**

19:30 – 21:00
Nelly Hanna
The core and periphery of Ottoman studies on the Arab world.

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**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-SHĀM**
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)

1. SESSION: THE 18TH CENTURY AND THE COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL ELITES OF BILAD AL-ŠĀM
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
Ismaïl 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 – 12:00
Peter Sluglett
Municipalities in the late Ottoman Empire.

12:00 – 12:30
Randi Deguilhem
The new intellectuals in late Ottoman Damascus: Creating public opinion, creating public space.

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
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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

12:00 – 14:00 lunch break

SESSION 2: HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH ON BILAD AL-SHAM 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

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