

LABOR IN THE LATE ANTIQUE AND MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC NEAR EAST

A Workshop sponsored by The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
and held May 27-28, 2022 at
The University of Chicago Center in Paris, 6 rue Thomas Mann, 75013 Paris

Friday, May 27, 2022

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Note that papers will not be read publicly at the conference. Rather, papers will be pre-circulated to all attendees, and a session of discussion will be devoted to each paper. A respondent has been assigned to make brief comments on each paper as a way of opening discussion of the issues it raises, to which the author will first respond, after which the discussion will be opened to others in attendance.

Those wishing to attend should contact Fred Donner (f-donner@uchicago.edu) to receive a pdf copy of the conference papers.

- 9:00** Welcome / Opening Remarks [Fred Donner and others]
- 9:30** Paper I Discussion
[Marina Rustow, "Labor, markets, occupations and the professions in the medieval Islamic world — revisited"]. [Discussant: J. Vroom]
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** Paper II Discussion
[Jelle Bruning, "The Ambiguous Identity of Some Administrative Staff in Early Islamic Egypt"]. [Discussant: M. Demichelis]
- 12:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00** Paper III Discussion
[Christel Freu, "Was there a Labour Market in Byzantine and Early Islamic Egypt? Discussing Labour Mobility in the Papyri and other evidence"] [Discussant: A. Papaconstantinou]
- 15:00** Coffee Break
- 15:30** Paper IV Discussion
[Marco Demichelis, "The 'Mestiere delle Armi.' Steel, trade and anonymity in the early Islamic age (7th-10th centuries)"] [Discussant: M. Rustow]
- 16:30** Announcements

Saturday, May 28, 2022

- 9:30** Paper V Discussion
[Joanita A. C. Vroom, “A Labor of Food: Food-related occupations in Byzantium and the Islamic World (ca. 5th-11th c.)”]. [Discussant: J. Bruning]
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** Paper VI Discussion
[Arietta Papaconstantinou, “Third-party labour as unit of exchange: avatars and implications of an enduring practice”] [Discussant: C. Freu]
- 12:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00** Open Discussion / Wrap-Up / Concluding Remarks
- By **15:30** Close

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