The History and Culture of Iran and Central Asia in the First Millennium CE: From the Pre-Islamic to the Islamic Era

June 25–27, 2017
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## Conference Program

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“Xian Temples of the Sogdian Colonies in China”
Etsuko Kageyama
Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties

1–2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30–4:30 p.m. Session V: The Pre-Islamic Past in Islamic Eyes
“Representations of the Pre-Islamic Past in Early Persian Court Poetry”
Gabrielle van den Berg
Leiden University

“The Sasanian Past in the Historical Writings and Political Advice of al-Tha‘alabī (AD 961–1038)”
Louise Marlow
Wellesley College

“Zoroastrian Solutions to Neoplatonic Problems: Reading the Rāsta of Dādār Son of Dādukht alongside Priscian’s Answers to Khosro”
Daniel Sheffield
Princeton University

4:30–5 p.m. Coffee Break

5–6:30 p.m. Session VI: Iran in Early Islamic History
“How Ziyād Made a Name for Himself”
Michael Bates
American Numismatic Society

“Istakhrī’s Account of the Province of Fārs”
Hugh Kennedy
SOAS

Tuesday, June 27

8:30–10:30 p.m. Session VII: Pre-Islamic Cultural Continuities in the Islamic Period
“Snake Demons in the Penjikent Paintings and Some Possible Parallels in Islamic Book Illustrations”
Matteo Compareti
Renmin University of China

“Al-Bīrūnī’s Anthropology of Minerals”
George Malagaris
University of Oxford

“Royal Descent and Dynastic Authority in the 4th c. Iranian World: The Figural Medallions of the Buyid and Samanid Courts”
Luke Treadwell
University of Oxford

10:30–11 a.m. Coffee Break

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Session VIII: Cities in Iran and Central Asia
“Types of City Planning in Ancient Iranian Cities: New Considerations”
Frantz Grenet
Collège de France

“The Evolution of Domestic Space in the Bukhara Oasis: Between Late Antiquity and the Islamic Period”
Rocco Rante
The Louvre

“Marv, 671”
Étienne de la Vaissière
École des hautes études en sciences sociales

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2:30–3:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussion and Closing Remarks
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