

THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE: CROSS-CULTURAL, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGES IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD (1500-1820)



John Speed, The Turkish Empire (detail), London, 1626. ©Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori - Crossroads Civilizations Museum - Dubai.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - PARIS SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI (4-7 MARCH 2017)

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SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017

6:30pm

Official Opening of the Exhibition at the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Library with M. Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori, Founder of the Crossroads of Civilisations Museum in Dubai

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017

Morning

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi (Amphitheater Robert de Sorbon)

8:30am - 9:00am

Welcome of the Participants at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

9:00am - 9:25am

Opening of the Conference

I - DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND COMMERCIAL TRADE

Session Chairman: HE. Frank Mollen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UAE

Connected History in the Gulf

9:25am - 9:50am

"Diplomatic Exchanges in the Orient at the End of the 15th Century: Venice and the Hord of the White Sheep" by Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Crouzet-Pavan (Paris IV - Sorbonne University, CRM - Centre Roland Mousnier)

9:50am - 10:15am

"Pepper and Horses: Portuguese Economic Policy in the Gulf According the Pareceres de Baçora (1547-1548)" by Dr. Habil Dejanirah Couto (EPHE, chair of "Methods in History of the Portuguese World")

10:15am - 10:40am

"German "Lettres Persanes"?: Reports of the First Diplomatic Contacts Between Safavid Persia and the Holy Roman Empire in the 16th and 17th Centuries" by Dr. Indravati Félicité (Associate Professor - Paris-Diderot University - ICT)

10:40am - 11:00am

Coffee Break

11:00am - 11:25am

"Diplomatic Relations Between the Shah of Persia and Louis XIV" by Prof. Dr. Lucien Bély (Paris IV - Sorbonne University, CRM)

11:25am - 11:50am

"Piracy, Arab Tribes and European Rivalry in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean During the 18th Century" by Dr. Sghaier Nouredine, (Associate Professor and Head of History and Islamic Culture department - University of Sharjah)

11:50am - 12:15pm

"London Versus British India in West Asia in the Early 19th Century: Revisiting John Malcolm and Harford Brydjes Jones's Missions at the Court of Persia" by Dr. Guillemette Crouzet (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

12:15pm - 12:30pm

Discussion

12:50pm - 2:00pm

Lunch Break at the National Archives (NCDR)

Afternoon

National Center for Documentation and Research (National Archives in Abu Dhabi)

Session Chairman

Dr. Habil Dejanirah Couto (EPHE, chair of "Methods in History of the Portuguese World")

Connected History in the Arabian Seas

2:00pm - 2:25pm

"The Cosmopolitan dāw of the Arabian Sea: the English East India Records and Other Writings" by Prof. Dr. Dionisius Agius, (Exeter University, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies)

2:25pm - 2:50pm

"Muscat Under the Yaruba Dynasty of Imams and European Rivalries in the Arabian Seas (1650-1718)" by Dr. Yann Rodier (Assistant Professor, Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi - CRM)

2:50pm - 3:15pm

"Louis XIV and the Red Sea" by Prof. Dr. Géraud Poumarede, (Bordeaux Montaigne University - CEMCC Centre d'Études des Mondes Moderne et Contemporain)

3:15pm - 3:30pm

Coffee Break

Connected History in the Levant

3:30pm - 3:55pm

"Connecting in Court: Non-conflictual Encounters Between European Merchants and Ottomans in the Aleppo Qadi Court (17th-18th Century)" by Dr. Maurits van den Boogert (Brill Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies - NISIS)

3:55pm - 4:20pm

"Being a Western Ambassador at the Ottoman Court. François Savary de Brèves and French Commercial Diplomacy in the Eastern Mediterranean at Late-Sixteenth and Early-Seventeenth Century" by Prof. Dr. Viorel Panaite (Bucharest University, Institute of South East European Studies of the Romanian Academy)

4:20pm - 4:30pm

Discussion

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Guided Tour of the Exhibition (NCDR)

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017

Morning

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi (Amphitheater Robert de Sorbon)

II - CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND KNOWLEDGE BROKERS IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE SCHOLARSHIP

Session Chairman

Prof. Dr. Denis Cruzet, Paris-Sorbonne University, Director of the Centre Roland Mousnier & the IRCOM

Islam and Arabic in European Scholarship

9:00am - 9:25am

"Islam and the Arabs in the Catholic Scholarship (17th Century)" by Prof. Dr. Bernard Heyberger (EHESS, Director of the Institut d'Études de l'Islam et des Sociétés du monde Musulman (IISMM))

9:25am - 9:50am

"Arabic as Language of the Bible in the Catholic Scholarship (17th Century)" by Dr. Aurélien Girard (Associate Professor - University of Reims, Centre d'Études et de Recherche en Histoire Culturelle (CERHIC))

9:50am - 10:15am

"The Hajj in Early Modern European Scholarship and Religious Debates (1600-1800)" by Dr. Richard van Leeuwen (Lecturer in Islamic Studies at the Department of Religious Studies, University of Amsterdam)

10:15am - 10:40am

"Travellers in Disguise - Conversions and Krypto-Conversions to Islam Among European Travellers Between 1800-1850" by Dr. Jan Loop (Senior Lecturer, University of Kent - Humanities Senior Research Fellowship at the New York University Abu Dhabi)

10:40am - 11:00am

Coffee Break

Knowledge Brokers Between the Middle East and Europe

11:00am - 11:25am

"From the Outskirts of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea to the Felix Arabia: Archaeologists-Travellers and the Discovery of the Arabian Heritage (16-18th Century)" by Dr. Ingrid Périssé (Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi - Head of Department of Archaeology and History of Arts - HISOMA)

11:25am - 11:50am

"Knowledge Brokers/Beggar Princes. Travellers from Mount Lebanon in the German Principalities (1727-1790)" by Tobias Mörike (PhD Candidate at the Gotha Research Centre for the History of Knowledge, University of Erfurt)

11:50am - 12:15pm

"A German Explorer of Arabia as Knowledge Broker in a Transnational Context: Ulrich Jaspar Seetzen's Contribution to Oriental Scholarship in the Early 19th Century" by Dr. Clarisse Roche (Paris-Sorbonne University - CRM)

12:15pm - 12:30pm

Discussion

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Lunch Break (Sorbonne Abu Dhabi)

Afternoon

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi (Amphitheater Robert de Sorbon)

Session Chairman

Mr. Vital Rambaud, Associate Professor, Head of the French Literature Dep, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi

III - ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL OTHERNESS: PORTRAYING THE OTHER

2:00pm - 2:25pm

"Cosmopolitan Misreadings. Camões and the 'Perfume of the East'" by Dr. Paulo Lemos Horta (Associate Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi)

2:25pm - 2:50pm

"Explorers and Travellers in the Southern Arabian Peninsula (Oman and UAE)" by Prof. Dr. Eric Fouache (Vice Chancellor of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, UMR ENeC 8185)

2:50pm - 3:15pm

"The Polish Traveller Waclaw Rzewuski and his Outlook on the Arabia and Bedouins (1817-1819)" by Dr. Hana Subhi (Translator and Associate Professor, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi)

3:15pm - 3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:30pm - 3:55pm

"Iconography of Early Modern Fortifications on the Arabian Coast: A Survey of the Portuguese 'Livros de Fortalezas' ('Books of Fortresses')" by Prof. Dr. Rui Manuel Loureiro (CHAM Centro de Historia d'Aquém d'Além Mar - Portuguese Centre for Global History, Lisbon)

3:55pm - 4:20pm

"Connected artworks' place in the museum rooms devoted to the early modern period at the Louvre Abu Dhabi" by Olivia Bourrat (Curatorial Deputy Director and Curator of Early Modern Art, Louvre Abu Dhabi) and Soraya Noujaim (Curator in charge of Islamic Arts, Louvre Abu Dhabi)

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Conclusions and Final Discussions

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017

Tour of the Louvre Abu Dhabi for the guest speakers by Olivia Bourrat and Soraya Noujaim

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