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The Arab East and the Bedouin Component: Features and Tensions from Late Antiquity to the Present

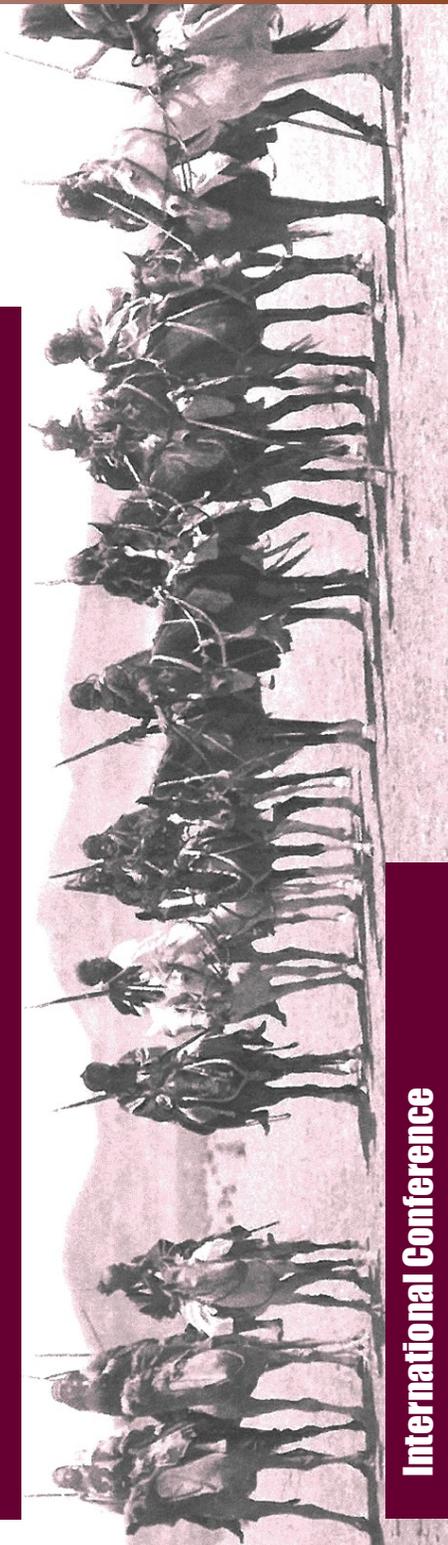


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International Conference
Cairo, 29 November–1 December 2012

Thursday, 29 November (Oriental Hall)

09:00-09:30 Welcome (Stefan Leder and Johann Büssow)

Panel 1: Politics, rule and Bedouin in history

- 09:30-10:10 **Michael Macdonald:** The 'north Arabian' camel saddle and the supposed 'Bedouinization of Arabia'
- 10:10-10:50 **Konstantin Klein:** Marauders, daredevils, and noble savages: The Roman perception of non-sedentary Arabs (3rd-7th centuries)
- 10:50-11:30 **Greg Fisher:** Between tribe and state: Arab tribal chiefs in sixth-century Syria and Iraq
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee break
- 12:00-12:40 **Kurt Franz:** Four policies on the Bedouin, tenth to thirteenth centuries
- 12:40-13:20 **Stefan Heidemann:** The rebellion of al-Asfar at-Taghlibi 395/1004-5 to 406/1016 in northern Mesopotamia: Social base - history - religious and political goals
- 13:20-14:00 **Astrid Meier:** Framing the early-modern 'Arab East': Some reflections on marginalities, regional systems and border regimes
- 14:00-15:00 Lunch

Panel 2: Economy and nomad-sedentary relations

- 15:00-15:40 **Tariq Tell:** *A`rab* and *aghrab*: A historical political economy of Bedouin-fellah relations in southeast Syria (1600-1851)
- 15:40-16:20 **James Reilly:** Conflict and collaboration between town and steppe in Ottoman Hama
- 16:20-17:00 **Nora Barakat:** Marginal actors? The role of Bedouin in Ottoman administration of animals as property
- 19:30-20:30 Dinner
- 20:30-21:00 **Waleed Gharaibeh:** Paternal origins of the Arab pastoral nomads within the landscape and history of the Arab East

Friday, 30 November (Oriental Hall)

Panel 3: Pillars of Bedouin society: *Nasab, khamsa, qabila, makan, qada'*

- 09:00-09:40 **Stefan Leder:** Nasab as idiom and discourse
- 09:40-10:20 **Frank Stewart:** The two faces of the *khamsa*
- 10:20-11:00 **Sebastian Maisel:** The new rise of tribalism in Saudi Arabia
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:10 **Joseph Hobbs:** The unwritten landscape: Bedouin place-making in Egypt's deserts
- 12:10-12:50 **Ahmed Abd-Elsalam:** Bedouin law and the age of change: The example of the Huwaytat tribes
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch

Panel 4: Reconfigurations in modern times

- 14:00-14:40 **Johann Büssow:** The `Anaza: Continuity and change in a tribal confederation in the modern Arab East
- 14:40-15:20 **Robert Fletcher:** The `Amarat (`Anaza) and their shaykh: Bedouin politics in a partitioned Middle East
- 15:20-16:00 **Mostafa Minawi:** The Hijaz telegraph line and a reassessment of Ottoman-Bedouin relations at the turn of the 20th century
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-17:10 **Kathleen Hood:** Performance of the *dabka* and Bedouin identity in northern Jordan
- 17:10-17:50 **Thorsten Schoel:** The aftermath of peace: On the consequences of the prohibition of mutual raiding and warfare for some Bedouin tribes
- 17:50-18:30 **Sulayman Khalaf:** Conflict management and violence in a changing Bedouin society: Evidence from the al-Raqqa region, north-east Syria
- 18:30-18:50 **Dawn Chatty:** The persistence of authority and power relations in the Badia of Syria
- 19:30-21:00 Dinner

Saturday, 1 December (Hill House Hall)

Panel 5: Images of the Bedouin, claimed and assigned

- 09:30-10:10 **Brian Ulrich:** Al-Ahnaḥ b. Qays and Bedouin leadership in the *amsar*
- 10:10-10:50 **Isabel Toral-Niehoff:** The Bedouin as a cultural reference in Andalusia: The case of the *ʿIqd al-farid*
- 10:50-11:30 **Zoltan Szombathy:** The Bedouin as informants in mediaeval Muslim scholarly culture
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee break
- 12:00-12:40 **Nicola Verderame:** Folkloric objects or proof of modernization? Ottoman ambiguities towards the Bedouins at the World's Columbian Exposition (Chicago, 1893)
- 12:40-13:20 **Khalid Abouel-lail:**
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- 13:20-14:00 **Christoph Lange:** 'The Cup of Blood': The representation of Bedouins in Syrian television drama
- 14:00-15:00 Lunch
- 15:00-15:40 **Clive Holes:** Nabati poetry: The communal voice of the Bedouin
- 15:40-16:20 **Katharina Lange:** Local historiography in north Syria
- 16:20-17:00 **Laila Prager:** Performing tribal histories in Bedouin soap operas (*musalsal badawi*): Diverging aims, addressees and self-perceptions of tribal film making in Syria and Jordan.
- 17:00-17:30 Concluding remarks (Stefan Leder and Johann Büssow)