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MEDIEVAL TURFAN – AN OASIS FOR CHRISTIANITY?
LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

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Pútāogōu Xiǎpáng (Bulayïq) Christian Monastery Site, Tulufan/Turpan, Xinjiang, PR China. © Chiara Barbati 2015
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
9.00–9.30  Florian Schwarz  | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
Chiara Barbati  | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
Dietmar W. Winkler  | University of Salzburg / PRO ORIENTE

OPENING SPEECH - Chair: Dietmar W. Winkler
9.30–9.50  His Grace Mar Awa Royel  | Bishop of California, Assyrian Church of the East
Turfan and the Assyrian Church of the East

SESSION 1 - Chair: Dietmar W. Winkler
9.50–10.10  Vittorio Berti  | University of Padua
Some preliminary remarks on the composition criteria of the Christian Sogdian Manuscript E28 in the light of the Syriac ascetic collections of the Church of the East

10.10–10.30  Chiara Barbati  | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Again on the Gospel of Mark in Turfan

10.30  Discussion
COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2 - Chair: Chiara Barbati
11.15–11.35  Martina Galatello  | PhD Student, Sapienza University of Rome
Exploring Syriac palaeography from Turfan: Notes on the Christian Syriac and Sogdian fragments in Syriac script from the Berlin Turfan Collection

11.35–11.55  Pier Giorgio Borbone  | University of Pisa
A Tale of Three Scripts: Syriac palaeography between Inner Asia and Mesopotamia

11.55–12.15  Natalia Smelova  | University of Manchester
From Palestine to Central Asia? Contents and contexts of the Codex Armeniacus Resscriptus

12.15  Discussion
LUNCH BREAK

KEYNOTE SESSION - Chair: Peter Zieme
Turfan: Research dimensions and dynamics

15.15–15.30  David Tam  | Tsinghua University, Beijing
A briefing on my visits to the Pútuogōu Xīpáng (Bulayïq) Christian Monastery Site in May and July 2018

15.30  Discussion
COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 3 - Chair: Erica C.D. Hunter
16.00–16.20  Christiane Reck  | Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Features of the Christian Sogdian fragments in Sogdian script in the Berlin Turfan Collection

16.20–16.40  Peter Zieme  | Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Questions about tomb inscriptions of Turkic speaking people in Central Asia and China

16.40–17.00  David Tam  | Tsinghua University, Beijing
The place of authorship for the Dunhuang Manuscript Yishen Lun (On God)

17.00  Discussion
Final remarks