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# MEDIEVAL TURFAN – AN OASIS FOR CHRISTIANITY?

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# PROGRAMME

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2019

## 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 Rescriptus*

12.15 Discussion

LUNCH BREAK

## KEYNOTE SESSION – Chair: Peter Zieme

14.30–15.15 **Erica C.D. Hunter** | SOAS, London  
*Turfan: Research dimensions and dynamics*

15.15–15.30 **David Tam** | Tsinghua University, Beijing  
*A briefing on my visits to the Pútáogōu Xīpāng (Bulayiq) 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