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Priests and their Manuscripts in the Holy Land and Sinai

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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

14:00 Registration

14:30 Welcoming Address
Claudia Rapp
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15:00–16:00 Social Contexts: Inscriptions and Papyri
Chair: Bernhard Palme
Daniel K. Reynolds
The Social Role of Priests in Late Roman Palaestina and Arabia
Ofer Pogorelsky
Priests, Monks, and Libraries: Evidence from the Papyri of Late Antique Nessana

16:00–16:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30–17:30 Social Contexts: Texts and Images
Chair: Elisabeth Schiffer
Daniel Oltean
Becoming a Monk in the Holy Land During the Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods
Michele Bacci
Clerics in the Figurative Contexts of the Holy Land and Sinai

17:30–18:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

18:00 Keynote Lecture
Introduction: Harald Buchinger
Daniel Galadza
The Liturgy and Liturgical Books of Priests and Scribes in the Holy Land

19:00 Reception

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

09:30–10:30 Priests and Literacy
Chair: Christian Gastgeber
Nina Sieties
Literacy and Writing Practices between the 8th and 9th Centuries
Iliyan Nesseris
Priests as Scribes and Owners of Manuscripts in the Holy Land and Sinai: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

10:30–11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00–12:30 Priests and their “Libraries”
Chair: Agnes Mihálykó Tothne
Alexander Treiger
Stbībbn Sa῾īd Ibn (ca. 1040) and His Manuscripts: Zooming in on an Arab Orthodox Priest’s Marginal Notes
Mădălina Săndaru
Liturgical Manuscripts Commissioned by Bishop Arsenios of Sinai in the Late 13th Century
Vevian Zaki
From Nīlus al-Damascenus to Simon of Emsa: Clusters of Manuscript Production at Mount Sinai across the Centuries

12:30–14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–15:30 Priests and their Manuscripts
Chair: Cinzia Geofoni
Giulia Rossetto
The Euchologia of Saint Catherine’s Monastery: Readers and Owners
Maxim Venetskov
Sinaitic Readers of Gospel and Apostle Manuscripts: Between the Text and Multiple Paratexts

15:30–16:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:00–17:30 Multilingual Levante: Writing in Glagolitic, Georgian, Ethiopic
Chair: Grigory Kessel
Nina Glibetić
Glagolitic Sinai Manuscripts and their Scribes: Negotiating Ecclesial Identity in the International Monastic Community
Tinatin Chronz
John Zosime, the First Georgian Liturgiologist in the Holy Land and Sinai
Denis Nesorim and Dorothea Reule
Ethiopian Christian Manuscript-Making Abroad: The Ethiopic Collection of St. Catherine’s Revisited

19:00 Dinner for invited guests

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

09:30–10:30 Multilingual Levante: Writing in Syriac and Arabic
Chair: Événio Amfittoulidis
Adrian Pirtea
Safeguarding the Patristic Heritage at the Dawn of the First Crusade: Sinai Arab. 481 and its Scribe, the Priest Butrus (Peter)
Natalia Smelova
Jerusalem and Antioch on Sinai: A Study into the Syriac Liturgical Manuscripts Copied by Priests

10:30–11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00–12:00 Priests and Book-Production
Chair: Renate Burri
Samuel Bauer
Early Printed Greek Euchologia on Mt. Sinai
Georgios Boudalis
Manuscript Repair, Binding and Rebinding at Saint Catherine’s Monastery During the 17th and 18th Centuries

12:00–12:30 Concluding Remarks
Claudia Rapp
Giulia Rossetto