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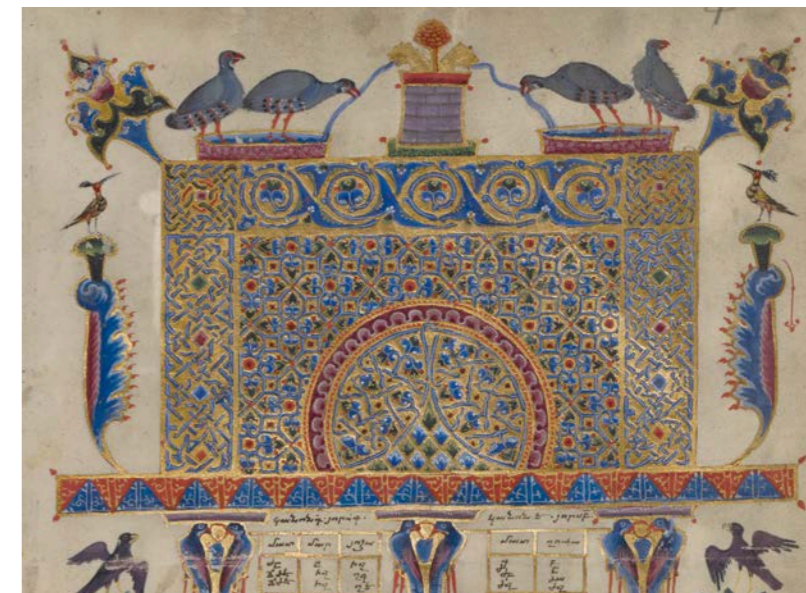
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TRANSREGIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE SYRIAC,

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RENAISSANCES (ELEVENTH-FOURTEENTH CENTURIES)

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE

13:30 **Registration**

14:00 **Welcoming Address**
Claudia Rapp
Andreas Rhoby

14:10–14:30 **Opening Remarks**
Adrian C. Pirtea

14:30–16:00 **SESSION 1: PATHS TO HOLINESS. MONASTIC LITERATURE AND HAGIOGRAPHY**
Chair: Maria-Lucia Goiana

Adrian C. Pirtea
The Age of Perfection. Memories of Early Christianity and Monastic Origins in the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean
Benedetta Contin
In Search for Connection. Sharing Stories and Myths of Conversion and Sanctity in Twelfth-Century Armenia

16:00–16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30–18:00 **SESSION 2: CONTESTED ORTHODOXIES AND SHARED IDEALS OF SAINTHOOD**
Chair: Ovidiu Olar

Bogdan Drăghici
Salt, Oil, and Leaven: The Case of Syrian Orthodox-Coptic-Armenian Polemics
Alice Croq
The Miaphysite Connection and the Medieval Cult of the Ascetic Saint Barsawma in Syria and Egypt

18:00–18:30 COFFEE BREAK

18:30–19:30 **Keynote Address**
Introduction: Adrian C. Pirtea

Herman Teule
Syriac Christianity in the Syriac Renaissance: how to perceive one's Orthodox Self in relationship to the other ?

19:30 **Dinner Reception**

FRIDAY, 7 JUNE

9:30–11:00 **SESSION 3: INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN MEDIEVAL JERUSALEM**
Chair: Giulia Rossetto

Merav Mack
Manuscript Connections: Exploring Mamluk Jerusalem's Diverse Scriptorial Landscape
Camille Rouxpetel
Evidencing the Interactions between Christianities in Mamluk Jerusalem: The Contribution of Unpublished Islamic Legal Documents

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00 **SESSION 4: HISTORY AND MEMORY IN ARMENIAN CILICIA**
Chair: Tara Andrews

Marco Bais
The Pahlawunis, the Renewal of the Catholicosate and the Return of Kingship to Armenia
Isabelle Augé
Un évêque-historien et son histoire, Step'annos Orbelean (v. 1250–1303)

13:00–14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00 **SESSION 5: SYRO-ARMENIAN POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES**
Chair: Grigory Kessel

Samvel Grigoryan
The Syrian Contribution to State-Building, Power and Diplomacy in Mediterranean Armenia
Anna Ohanjanyan
The Syrian Orthodox Eliya the Syrian and the Armenian Translations of His Commentaries on Gregory Nazianzen's Orations

16:00–16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30–18:00 **SESSION 6: MANUSCRIPTS, SCRIBES AND PATRONAGE**
Chair: Christian Gastgeber

Jesse S. Arlen
Royal Patronage and Scribal Activity in Armenian Cilicia: The Case of Yovhannēs Ark 'ayeghbayr
Stephen J. Davis
Reassessing the Copto-Arabic Renaissance through Material Practices of Scribal Production and Patronage

19:30 **Dinner for Invited Guests**

SATURDAY, 8 JUNE

9:00–10:30 **SESSION 7: BIBLICAL PHILOLOGY AND MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITIES IN SYRIA AND EGYPT I**
Chair: Madalina Toca

Marianna Mazzola
Bible, Massorah and Liturgy: Syriac Monastic Revival and Interconfessional Exchanges in Byzantine Melitene (10th–11th centuries) Through the Evidence of Manuscripts
Mina Monier
Ibn al-'Assāl's Multilingual and Cross-Denominational Research: The Case of the Pericope Adulterae

10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00–12:30 **SESSION 8: BIBLICAL PHILOLOGY AND MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITIES IN SYRIA AND EGYPT II**
Chair: Alice Croq

Dan Batovici
The Writings of Clement of Rome in Syriac Biblical Manuscripts of the 12th and 13th century and the Reception of the Clementine Legislative Corpus
Martina Ambu
Ethiopians in Dayr al-Muḥarraḡ (14th–15th centuries): an insight into their organisation

12:30–12:45 **Closing Remarks**

13:00 **Farewell Lunch** (at own expense) – *Optional*

14:30 **Visit to the Museum and Library of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna** – *Optional*