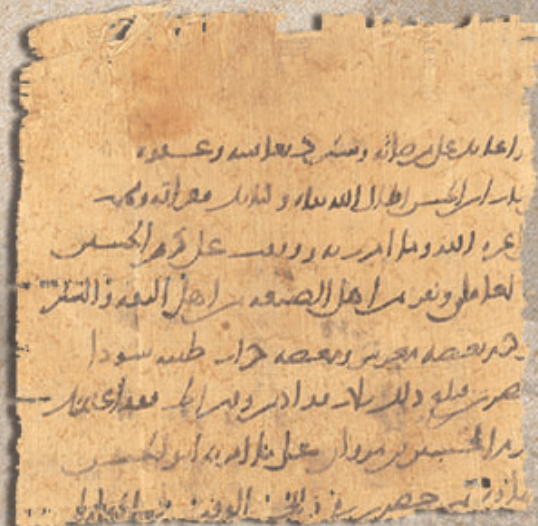


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Sunday, 5 March 2023 (Fayoum University)

18:00 Opening

- Formal opening and reception

Monday, 6 March 2023 (Fayoum University)

9:00 – 10:30 Session 1: Welcome - Coptic Letters and Legends (Chair: Esther Garel)

- Atef Mansour (Fayoum University)/Andreas Kaplony (LMU Munich/ISAP): Welcome
- Christine Ayad (Fayoum University): Healing a Woman in Labor: Uncommon Miracle in Coptic Martyrdoms
- Rudeina Bayoumi (Fayoum University): Building a Church: A Late Coptic Letter
- Incent Walter (FU Berlin): «May the Lord establish him firmly upon his throne ...»: The Late Coptic Bishop's Letters
- Discussion

11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Coptic Matters (Chair: Maher Eissa)

- Botros Elbaramosy (Alexandria University): العلاقة بين المسلمين والمسيحيين في الريف المصري خلال القرن 13 - دراسة تاريخية في مخطوطات تاريخ وسير البطركية
- Anne Boudhors (CNRS Paris), Ahmed Nakshara (Ain Shams University), Ahmed Nabil (University of Sadat City), Maher Eissa (Fayoum University): Edfu Language Transition from Coptic to Arabic: The Testimony of Unedited Coptic and Arabic Ostraca: A First Report of the IMHOTEP Project
- Wafaa Abdel Wahaab (Fayoum University): Coptic Manuscripts and their Inscribers in Fatimid Egypt
- Discussion

14:30 – 16:00: Session 3: Early Islam (Chair: Marie Legendre)

- Nils Purwins (FU Berlin): The Sasanians in Egypt and Bactria: Rulership at the Edges of Ērānšahr and the Connection to the Mighty Clan of the Mihrān
- Lucia Waldschütz (Princeton University): Surety Contracts from Late Antique and Early Arab Egypt
- Stefanie Schmidt (FU Berlin): The Kūrat Aswān under Early Muslim Rule
- Élodie Mazy (University College London), Lajos Berkes (HU Berlin): A Snapshot at the Countryside of Hermopolis under the Governorate of 'Amr b. al-Āṣ
- Discussion
- 16:30 – 18:00 Session 4: Living Together (Chair: Mathieu Tillier)
- Ahmed Farouk Zaafrany (Minia University): Countryside Life in Ancient Egypt through Hieratic Papyri
- Farouk Bouaziz (Tunis University): Bulḡsūq in the 5th/11th Century: A Micro-Historical Analysis of Some Real-Estate Sale Contracts

- Yossef Rapoport (University of London): The Arab Protectors of Southern Fayoum, 1015-1070 CE
- Discussion

20:00 Evening Lecture

- Tamer el-Leithy (Johns Hopkins University): The State's Other Footprint: Communal Concerns from the Egyptian Countryside (11th-14th CE.)

Tuesday, 7 March 2023 (Fayoum University)

9:00 – 10:30 Session 5: Legal Matters (Chair: Tonio Sebastian Richter)

- Rocio Daga Portillo (LMU Munich): A Fāṭimid Petition to al-Ḥākim bi-amr Allāh: Esoterics in a Petition?
- Tobias Scheunchen (University of Chicago): Emotions, Arabic Scribal Practices, and Islamic Law in the Egyptian Countryside: Transforming Personal Conflicts into Matters of Law
- Rowida Fawzy (Luxor University): «She abandoned her husband»: The Marital Issues in Coptic Thebes» Society: O.Copt.Cair. 4530.88
- Discussion

11:00 – 12:30 Session 6: Administration Through Religious Institutions (Chair: Khaled Younes)

- Lev Weitz (Catholic University of America): The Arabic Documents of Dayr al-Naqlūn: A Preliminary Report
- Theresa Grabmaier (LMU Munich): The Abbess Maṭrī in Arabic Legal Documents from Late 12th century Toledo
- Yehoshua Frenkel: Ḥaram Documents Regarding Villagers and Rural Communities
- Discussion

14:30 – 16:00 Session 7: Production of Goods and Agricultural Struggles (Pt. 1) (Chair: Ursula Hammed)

- Ahmed Kamal (Centre of Documentation of Islamic and Coptic Antiquities): Agricultural Partnership in the Islamic Egyptian Countryside
- Tomasz Barański (University of Warsaw): The Possession, Tenancy and Cultivation of Land in Pre-modern Nubia as Seen Through Archaeological, Literary and Documentary Sources
- Yusuf Umrethwala (Columbia University): “I did not purchase anything for him because of the prevailing hunger, and because food prices were higher in the countryside than Fustāṭ”: Egyptian Famines in the 10th-11th Centuries through the Lens of the Countryside
- Discussion

16:30 – 18:00 Session 8: Production of Goods and Agricultural Struggles (Pt. 2)

(Chair: Andreas Kaplony)

- Undine Ott (GWZO Leipzig): Villagers under Duress. Climate Stress and Labor Coercion in the Mamluk Levant
- Mohamed Morsy (Helwan University), Ibrahim Al-Jamal (University of Sadat City): Kinds of Oils and their Uses in Egypt during the Islamic era
- Hazem Hussein Abbas Ali (Beni-Suef University, Egypt and Middle East College, Muscat): Reporting and Investigating Burglary and Housebreaking: Unpublished Document from the Egyptian National Library
- Discussion

Wednesday, 8 March 2023 (Fayoum University)

9:00 – 10:30 Session 9: Taxes (Chair: Yossi Rapoport)

- Mahmoud El Said (Souez Canal University): Pasture Tax in the Egyptian Countryside in Light of the Arabic Papyrus Documents
- Stephanie Luescher, Marina Rustow (Princeton University): Fatimid Tax Receipts and the Perspective of the Countryside
- Ahmed Nabil Maghraby (University of Sadat City): Fāṭimid Letter of Designation over Construction Work of Certain Estates of Alexandria
- Marie Legendre, Dalia Hussein (University of Edinburgh): The Taxation and Ownership of Land in the Abbasid Countryside: Simple Questions?
- Discussion

11:00 – 12:30 Session 10: Administration (Chair: Naïm Vanthieghem)

- Daisy Livingston (Durham University): The Amir's Administration: Documentary Traces of the Activities of Mamluk Emirs in the Egyptian Countryside
- Asmahan Abu-Alasaad (Egyptian National Library): The Office of the Commander of the Faithful in the Third Century AH: New Papyrus Evidence
- Lorenzo Bondioli (University of Cambridge): Peasants, Merchants, and Taxation in Post-Abbasid Egypt
- Discussion

14:30 – 16:00 Session 11: Archives (Chair: Louay Saïed)

- Ursula Hammed (Bsees), Michail Hradek (LMU Munich): Meet the Banū Balīṭ: A Coptic Family from 9th Century Tebtynis, their Dossier, and their Associates
- Naïm Vanthieghem (CNRS Paris): New Insights into the Archives of Fayoum Textile Merchants
- Andreas Kaplony (LMU Munich): What's in an Archive? On Strategies to Identify Archives
- Leonora Sonogo (LMU Munich): Paleographic Similarity in Document Clusters
- Discussion

16:30 – 18:00 Session 12: Historiography and ISAP General Meeting (Chair: Lajos Berkes)

- Sebastian Richter (BBAW/FU Berlin): Al-Rāzī in the Egyptian Countryside. A 9th/10th Century Coptic Archive of Medical and Alchemical Manuscripts and Its Intellectual Background
- Cornelia Römer (DAI Cairo): Nabulsi's «Acqueducts» ('abbāra li-l-mā') in Lake Qaroun
- Mona Dorani (Bochum University): From Egyt to Artās: Re-reading of Hilma Granqvist's Monographs
- Discussion
- ISAP General Meeting

Thursday, 9 March 2023 (Institut français d'archéologie orientale (IFAO))

18:00 Evening Lecture

- Mathieu Tillier (Sorbonne Université): A Fatimid Village in the Fayoum: Buljusūq according to Papyrological Sources

19:30 Poster Session

- Sobhi Bouderbala (University of Tunis), Joachim Le Bomin (IFAO), Julie Marchand (Université libre de Bruxelles and Royal Museums of Art and History): IFAO project «Villes en mutation»: presentation and call for participation.
- Ekaterina Trepnalova (Institute of Oriental Manuscripts), Mehdy Shaddel (Leiden University): In the Vault: Inventorying Collections of Arabic Papyri, with a presentation of some newly found items
- Reception

Participants with No Presentation

Mohamed Abd Ellatif (Mansoura University), Hadeer Belal (Cairo University and Egyptian Museum Cairo), Rasha H. El-Mofatch (Ain Shams University), Esther Garel (Strasbourg University), Benedikt Hochwartner, Bashar Maaiah (Yarmouk University), Mai Mahmoud (Fayoum University), Isabelle Marthot-Santaniello (Basel University), Salwa Abdel Meguid Mohamed, Nesreen Monir (Fayoum University), Haytham Qandeil (Ain Shams University), Veronika Six (formerly at KOHD)



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