

## Thursday, 29 November (Oriental Hall)

### Politics, Rule and Bedouin in History

- 09:30 **Michael Macdonald:** The 'north Arabian' camel saddle and the supposed 'Bedouinization of Arabia'
- 10:10 **Konstantin Klein:** Marauders, daredevils, and noble savages: The Roman perception of non-sedentary Arabs (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> centuries)
- 10:50 **Greg Fisher:** Between tribe and state: Arab tribal chiefs in sixth-century Syria and Iraq
- 12:00 **Kurt Franz:** Four policies on the Bedouin, 10th-13th centuries
- 12:40 **Stefan Heidemann:** The rebellion of al-Asfar at-Taghlibi 395 to 406 in northern Mesopotamia: Social base - history - religious and political goals
- 13:20 **Astrid Meier:** Framing the early-modern 'Arab East': Some reflections on marginalities, regional systems and border regimes

### Economy

- 15:00 **Tariq Tell:** *A`rab* and *aghrab*: A historical political economy of Bedouin-fellah relations in southeast Syria (1600-1851)
- 15:40 **James Reilly:** Conflict and collaboration between town and steppe in Ottoman Hama
- 16:20 **Nora Barakat:** Marginal actors? The role of Bedouin in Ottoman administration of animals as property

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### Bedouin Society

- 09:00 **Stefan Leder:** *Nasab* as idiom and discourse
- 09:40 **Frank Stewart:** The two faces of the *khamsa*
- 10:20 **Sebastian Maisel:** The new rise of tribalism in Saudi Arabia
- 11:30 **Joseph Hobbs:** The unwritten landscape: Bedouin place-making in Egypt's deserts
- 12:10 **Ahmed Abd-Elsalam:** Bedouin law and the age of change: The example of the Huwaytat tribes

### Reconfigurations in Modern Times

- 14:00 **Johann Büssow:** The `Anaza: Continuity and change in a tribal confederation in the modern Arab East
- 14:40 **Robert Fletcher:** The `Amarat (`Anaza) and their shaykh: Bedouin politics in a partitioned Middle East
- 15:20 **Mostafa Minawi:** The Hijaz telegraph line and a reassessment of Ottoman-Bedouin relations at the turn of the 20th century
- 16:30 **Kathleen Hood:** Performance of the *dabka* and Bedouin identity in northern Jordan
- 17:10 **Thorsten Schoel:** The aftermath of peace: On the consequences of the prohibition of mutual raiding and warfare for some Bedouin tribes
- 17:50 **Sulayman Khalaf:** Conflict management and violence in a changing Bedouin society: Evidence from the al-Raqq region, north-east Syria
- 18:30 **Dawn Chatty:** The persistence of authority and power relations in the Badia of Syria

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## Saturday, 1 December (Hill House Hall)

### Images of the Bedouin

- 09:30 **Brian Ulrich:** Al-Ahnaf b. Qays and Bedouin leadership in the *amsar*
- 10:10 **Isabel Toral-Niehoff:** The Bedouin as a cultural reference in Andalusia: The case of the *`lqd al-farid*
- 10:50 **Zoltan Szombathy:** The Bedouin as informants in mediaeval Muslim scholarly culture
- 12:00 **Khalid Abouel-lail:** صورة البدوي بين التاريخ والأدب الشعبي
- 12:40 **Nicola Verderame:** Folkloric objects or proof of modernization? Ottoman ambiguities towards the Bedouins at the World's Columbian Exposition (Chicago, 1893)
- 13:20 **Christoph Lange:** 'The Cup of Blood': The representation of Bedouins in Syrian television drama
- 15:00 **Clive Holes:** Nabati poetry: The communal voice of the Bedouin
- 15:40 **Katharina Lange:** Local historiography in north Syria
- 16:20 **Laila Prager:** Performing tribal histories in Bedouin soap operas (*musalsal badawi*)

**Venue: The American University in Cairo, Tahrir Square Campus**

