The Arab East and the Bedouin Component: Features and Tensions from Late Antiquity to the Present

International conference - 29 November – 1 December 2012
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Saturday, 1 December (Hill House Hall)

09:30 Brian Ulrich: Al-Ahman b. Qays and Bedouin leadership in the amaras
10:10 Isabel Toral-Niehoff: The Bedouin as a cultural reference in Andalusia: The case of the Iqad al-farid
10:50 Zoltan Szombathy: The Bedouin as informants in mediaeval Muslim scholarly culture
12:00 Khalid Abouel-lail: صورة البدو 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)

Friday, 30 November (Oriental Hall)

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-Elslam: Bedouin land and the age of change: The example of the Huwaytat tribes
14:00 Johann Büsow: 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-Raqqa region, north-east Syria
18:30 Dawn Chatty: The persistence of authority and power relations in the Badia of Syria

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