Maritime Trade, Pilgrimage and Settlements: The Historical and Archaeological Evidence under Mamluk and Early Ottoman Rule in Southern Bilād al-Shām

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Thursday, February 27, 2020
8:45-9:15 Gathering
9:15 Welcome Words, Robert Kool (Chairperson); and Opening Remarks, Edna J. Stern

The Textual Evidence
9:30-10:15 Venetian Activities in Southern Bilād al-Shām during the Late Mamluk Period
Prof. Benjamin Arbel (Tel Aviv University)

10:15-11:00 From Banking to Machiavelli: Florence’s Activities and Interests in the Late Medieval Levant
Prof. Reuven Amitai (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:45 The Haram el Sharif as a Shared Sacred Space in the Eyes of Late Medieval Christian Pilgrims
Prof. Iris Shagrir (The Open University of Israel)

11:45-12:15 The Spatial Distribution of Villages in the Galilee during the Mamluk and early Ottoman Periods (1260–1746): A Smooth Transition or a Full-Scale Crisis?
Dr. Kate Raphael (Independent researcher) and Prof. Mustafa Abbasi (Tel Hai College)

12:15-13:15 Lunch Break

The Archaeological Evidence
Chairperson: Dr. Yoav Arbel (IAA)

13:15-13:45 Archeological evidence of Venetian and Latin Presence in the Holy Land (Southern Bilād al-Shām) during Mamluk and Early Ottoman Rule
Edna J. Stern (Albright Institute and IAA)

13:45-14:15 Human Skeletal Remains from Mamluk Jaffa: Skeletal Biology and Historic Implications
Dr. Yossi Nagar and Dr. Yoav Arbel (Israel Antiquities Authority)

14:15-14:45 Excavating Mamluk Sultans and Venetian Doges: New Information about Mixed Mamluk-Venetian currencies Circulation in Mamluk Southern Syria (14th – 15th centuries)
Dr. Robert Kool (IAA)

14:45-15:15 Kāfi Kanna Pilgrim’s Hospice: Ceramic Evidence from the Mamluk and Ottoman Periods
Giulia Roccabella (IAA)

15:15-15:30 A Short Note on Venetian Glass Vessels found in IAA Excavations
Dr. Yael Gorin-Rosen (IAA)

15:30-16:00 Coffee and Final Discussion
Respondent and Moderator: Dr. Katia Cytryn-Silverman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)