The Symposium, which was under the direction of Hamilton M. R. Gibb, University Professor and Jewett Professor of Arabic, Harvard University, was entitled "The Relations between Byzantium and the Arabs." The program was as follows:

May 2

Professor Gibb, Introduction

Irfan Kawar, Associate Professor of Arabic, Indiana University, "Byzantium and the Arabs before the Rise of Islam"

Marius Canard, Professor Emeritus, University of Algiers, and Visiting Scholar at Dumbarton Oaks, "Relations politiques et sociales après les conquêtes islamiques"

George C. Miles, Chief Curator, The American Numismatic Society, "Relations in Crete and the Aegean Area"

May 3

Francesco Gabrieli, Professor of Arabic, University of Rome, "Relations in the Central Mediterranean Area"

Oleg Grabar, Professor of Islamic Art, University of Michigan, "The Evolution of Islamic Art from Byzantine Themes"

Gustave E. von Grunebaum, Professor of History, University of California at Los Angeles, "Relations in Literature and Philosophy"

Romilly J. H. Jenkins, Professor of Byzantine History and Literature, Dumbarton Oaks, "Diplomatic Relations"

May 4

Reverend John Meyendorff, Professor of Patristics, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, and Lecturer in Byzantine Theology, Dumbarton Oaks, "Byzantine Views of Islam"

Professor Gibb, Concluding Remarks