Rome Re-Imagined: Byzantine and Early Islamic Africa, c. 500-800

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Schedule

Friday, April 27

8:30 AM  Coffee on the Music Room Terrace
9:00 AM  Welcome: Jan Ziolkowski and Margaret Mullett
9:15 AM  Introduction: Susan T. Stevens (Randolph College) and Jonathan P. Conant (Brown University)

Contesting Byzantine Africa

9:30 AM  Anthony Kaldellis (The Ohio State University)
          Prokopios's Vandal War: Thematic Trajectories and Hidden Transcripts

10:15 AM  Discussion and coffee break

11:00 AM  Andy Merrills (University of Leicester)
          Gelimer's Slaughter: The Case for Late Vandal Africa

11:45 AM  Elizabeth Fentress and Andrew Wilson
          The Garamantian Diaspora and the Southern Frontiers of Byzantine North Africa

12:30 PM  Discussion

1:00 PM  Lunch in the Orangery

Contesting Byzantine Africa (concluded)

2:00 PM  Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago)
          Campaigns and Conquests in Context: Reconsiderations

2:45 PM  Mohamed Benabbès (Université de Tunis)
          Revisiting Byzantine Africa Historical Geography through Medieval Arab Sources

3:30 PM  Discussion and Tea on the Music Room Terrace

Culture, Community, and the Creation of Sacred Space

4:15 PM  Gregory Hays (University of Virginia)
          The Literature of Vandal and Byzantine Africa: Something Old, Something New?

5:00 PM  Discussion

5:30-7:30 PM  Reception in the Orangery and Green Garden

Saturday, April 28

9:00 AM  Coffee on the Music Room Terrace

Culture, Community, and the Creation of Sacred Space (concluded)

9:30 AM  Ann Marie Yasin (University of Southern California)
          Beyond Spolia: Architectural Memory and Adaptation in the Churches of Late Antique North Africa
10:15 AM Kate Cooper (The University of Manchester)
  *The Family in Byzantine Africa*

11:00 AM Discussion and coffee break

**Shifting Structures of Daily Life: Urban and Rural Landscapes, Production, and the Economy**

11:30 AM Paul Reynolds (University of Barcelona)
  *From Byzantine Africa to Arab Ifriqiya: Tracing Ceramic Trends through the Seventh to Eleventh Centuries*

12:15 PM Discussion

12:45 - 2:00 PM Lunch in the Orangery

**Shifting Structures of Daily Life (continued)**

2:00 PM Susan T. Stevens (Randolph College)
  *A Byzantine Afterlife at Carthage*

2:45 PM Philipp von Rummel (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Rom)
  *The Transformation of North African Land- and Cityscapes in the Byzantine and Early Arab Period*

3:30 PM Discussion and coffee break

**Shifting Structures of Daily Life (concluded)**

4:00 PM Cécile Morrisson (CNRS, Dumbarton Oaks)
  *“Regio dives in omnibus bonis ornata”: African Economy and Society from the Vandals to the Arab Conquest in the Light of Coin Evidence*

4:45 PM Discussion

**Sunday, April 29**

9:30 AM Coffee on the Music Room Terrace

**Africa in the Christian Empire**

10:00 AM Leslie Dossey (Loyola University, Chicago)
  *Exegesis and Dissent in Byzantine North Africa*

10:45 AM Jonathan P. Conant (Brown University)
  *Sanctity and the Networks of Empire in Byzantine North Africa*

11:30 AM Discussion

**Concluding Remarks**

12:00 PM Peter Brown (Princeton University)