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International Conference

THE MONGOLS AND RELIGIONS

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THURSDAY MAY 16, 2019

09.00–09.20 **Philippe Buc** | University of Vienna and
Florian Schwarz | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Opening Remarks

SESSION 1 CHRISTIANITY PAST AND PRESENT

Chair: **Werner Maleczek** | University of Vienna

09.20–09.40 **Jana Valtrová** | Masaryk University
Reconsidering Franciscan martyrdoms under the Yuan dynasty

09.40–10.00 **Kherlentsetseg Damdindorj** | Humboldt University of Berlin
Missionierung in der Mongolei: Gemeinde als Zufluchtsort

10.00–10.20 Discussion

10.20–10.50 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2 RELIGIONS OF THE ILKHANATE

Chair: **Francesca Fiaschetti** | University of Vienna

10.50–11.10 **Yuka Kadoi** | University of Vienna
Revisiting Buddhism in Ilkhanid Iran: Archaeology, Toponymy and Visual Culture

11.10–11.30 **Shervin Farridnejad** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
"Death and Destruction: Zoroastrians during Turco-Mongol Invasions and in the Aftermath"

11.30–11.50 **Na'ama O. Arom** | Bar-Ilan University
The Mongols' Religious Attitude – the Case of Judaism

11.50–12.10 Discussion

12.10–13.30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3 ISLAM BETWEEN KHANATES

Chair: **Ute Wallenböck** | Palacký University

13.30–13.50 **Csaba Göncöl** | University of Szeged
"Pagan" Divination Practices as "Miracle" of Islam in Ötāmiš Hājji's Story of Bärkä Khan

13.50–14.10 **Bruno De Nicola** | Goldsmiths, University of London / Austrian Academy of Sciences
"Innovators' and 'free thinkers': Some considerations on antinomian Sufis in Ilkhanid Iran"

14.10–14.30 Discussion

14.30–15.00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 4 RELIGIONS IN MONGOL CHINA

Chair: **Thomas Ertl** | Freie Universität Berlin

15.00–15.20 **Junfu Wong** | Cambridge University
Exemplary Women in Daoist Shamanist Mongol China: Comparative Reading of Iranian and Chinese Religious Interpretation of Women (CE 1271-1368)

15.20–15.40 **Xiaobai Hu** | University of Pennsylvania
Stick to the Mongol Way? Religion, Frontier Politics and Lineage Construction in early Ming northwest China

15.40–16.00 Discussion

19.00– CONFERENCE DINNER (for Conference Participants)

FRIDAY MAY 17, 2019

SESSION 5 IMPERIAL RELIGIONS: CONQUEST AND TOLERANCE

Chair: **Florian Schwarz** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

09.00–09.20 **Sally Greenland** | Columbia University
Sorqoqtani Beki, Töregene, and Yisüi: Three of the Mongol Empire's most powerful women and the Mongol invasion of Tibet

09.20–09.40 **Erica Danielle Connerney** | Pace University
Zingis Khan and Mr. Locke: The Imperial Mongols and Religious Tolerance.

09.40–10.00 Discussion

10.00–10.40 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 6 MONGOLS AND RELIGION IN EASTERN EUROPE

Chair: **Balázs Nagy** | Eötvös Loránd University / Central European University

10.40–11.00 **József Laszlovszky** | Central European University

Batu went up on a "Hilltop": Religious and Ceremonial Preparations before the Battle of Muhi

11.00–11.20 **Dorottya Uhrin** | Eötvös Loránd University
Nomadic Folk Religion and Decapitation of Enemies.

11.20–11.40 **Stephen Pow** | Central European University

Escaping Iron Prisons and Seeking the Relics of the Three Kings: Did the Mongols Promote Religious Misconceptions about Themselves?

11.40–12.00 Discussion