

# CROSSING BOUNDARIES? TRADE & CONNECTIONS ON THE MEDIÉVAL MEDITERRANEAN

10-12 April 2019

Woolf Institute & St John's College, Cambridge

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## WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

13:15 Registration

13:45 Introduction

14:00 **Session 1** (Chair: Jonathan Phillips, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK)

Adrian Boas (University of Haifa, Israel), *Bringing Italy to the Holy Land: Archaeological and Documentary Evidence for the Influence of Italian Merchants in Frankish Port Cities*

John Dotson (Southern Illinois University, USA), *Caffaro and Crusade: Patriotism and Profit in 12th Century Genoa*

Jochen Schenk (University of Glasgow, UK), *What do we Know About the Slave Trade in the Crusader States?*

Michael Lower (University of Minnesota, USA), *The Tunis Crusade of 1270: A Mediterranean History*

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Session 2** (Chair: Alasdair Grant, University of Edinburgh, UK)

Sharon Kinoshita (University of California, Santa Cruz, USA), *Corrupting Seas? Boccaccio's Decameron in/and the Medieval Mediterranean*

Cristian Caselli (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany), *Merchants as Spies, Spies as Merchants: Commercial Networks and the Circulation of Information on the Ottoman Empire in Fifteenth-Century Italy*

Jonathan Harris (Royal Holloway, University of London, UK), *Commerce, Diplomacy and Patronage in the Career of a Late Byzantine Noble*

18:00 **Keynote:** David Abulafia (University of Cambridge, UK), in conversation with Mike Carr about the history of the Mediterranean and other seas

19:00 Drinks reception; book launch of Michael Walsh (ed.) *Famagusta Maritima* (Brill)

## THURSDAY 11 APRIL

09:30 **Session 3** (Chair Jan Vanderburie, University of Leicester, UK)

Michel Balard (Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, France), *Genoese Caffa: Meeting Point of Orient and Occident (XIIIth-XVth centuries)*

Alasdair Grant (University of Edinburgh, UK), *Merchants as Agents in the Levantine Captive Trade, c.1290-1430*

Roser Salicrú I Lluch (Institució Milà i Fontanals, CSIC, Barcelona), *Broken Lives, Crossed Boundaries: Christianised Muslim and Islamised Christian Captives Living on the Edge in Fifteenth-Century Mediterranean*

**11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:30 Session 4** (Chair: Mike Carr, University of Edinburgh, UK)

Antonio Musarra (Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy), *Transgressing Boundaries? Multi-Ethnicity on Venetian, Genoese and Catalan galleys, 1350-1500*

Pol Junyent Molins (Institució Milà i Fontanals, CSIC, Barcelona), *Between Seafarers and Landsmen: Social Groups, Geographic Origins and On-Board-Life Regulation of the Crews of the Royal Fleet against Djerba (1430-1432)*

Renard Gluzman (University of Haifa, Israel), *"Flagging Out" and Schemes to Disguise Your Vessel's Identity in the Late-Medieval Mediterranean*

**13:00 Lunch**

**14:00 Session 5** (Chair: Jessica Tearney-Pearce, University of Cambridge, UK)

Rodrigo Garcia-Velasco Bernal (University of Cambridge, UK), *River of Law: Muslim Communities and Legal Diffusion on the Ebro River during the Aragonese-Catalan Conquests of al-Andalus, c. 1118-1200*

Clara Almagro Vidal (Goethe Universität Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany), *Alfonso X of Castile and the Sea*

Damien Coulon (Université de Strasbourg, France), *Religious Minorities and Commercial Mediators Crossing Boundaries: Shedding New Light on Syrian-Christians in Barcelona at the Beginning of the 15th Century*

**15:30 Coffee Break**

**16:00 Session 6** (Chair: Rodrigo Garcia-Velasco Bernal, University of Cambridge, UK)

Ingrid Houssaye Michienzi (CNRS, UMR 8167 Orient & Méditerranée, France), *Trade, Credit and Trust. An Examination of the Business Relations of Jewish and Florentine Merchants between the Mediterranean and Saharan Africa (14th-15th centuries)*

Verena Krebs (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany), *Venetian-Ethiopian Relations in the Very Early 15th Century*

Ruthy Gertwagen (University of Haifa, Israel), *Trading with the Enemy: Just Greeding, Political Manipulations or Questions of Survival? The Case of the Venetians and the Genoese in the 14th and 15th Centuries in the Eastern Mediterranean*

**18:00 Keynote (St John's College, Old Divinity School):** Thomas Madden (Saint Louis University, USA), *The War of St Sabas in Context: Towers, Stones, and Blood in Thirteenth-Century Syria*

**19:00 Drinks reception (St John's College)**

**20:00 Dinner for speakers at St John's College**

## FRIDAY 12 APRIL

### 09:30 Session 7 (Chair: Gianluca Raccagni, University of Edinburgh, UK)

Robin Seignobos (Institut français d'archéologie orientale, Cairo, Egypt), *Assessing the Nubian Diaspora: Slaves and Freedmen from the Middle Nile Valley in the Mediterranean World during the "Long" Middle Ages (8th-15th cent.)*

Julien Loiseau (Aix-Marseille Université, France), *Beyond Egypt's Boundaries. Trade and Connections between the Horn of Africa and the Mediterranean in the 15th Century*

Azucena Hernández (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain), *Astrolabes in al-Andalus, Egypt and Syria: Art and Science Moving beyond the Boundaries in the Medieval Mediterranean*

### 11:00 Coffee Break

### 11:30 Session 8 (Chair: Alasdair Grant, University of Edinburgh, UK)

Brian McLaughlin (Royal Holloway, University of London, UK), *The (Eu)daimonioioannes Family of Monemvasia: Byzantine Merchants between East and West*

Anthony Luttrell (Bath, UK), *Merchant and Community Interaction on Rhodes: 1309-1421*

Nada Zecevic (Royal Holloway, University of London, UK), *Favorabiliter, caritative et humaniter tractare vel tractarifacere?: The Treatment of Merchants in the Adriatic and Latin Greece 14th-15th c.*

### 13:00 Lunch

### 14:00 Session 9 (Chair: Brian McLaughlin, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK)

Yuri Stoyanov (School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK), *Perilous Undercurrents: Mediterranean Maritime Trade and Medieval Dualist Heresy*

Peter Edbury (University of Cardiff, UK), *A Genoese Version of Cypriot History (ca.1250-1320): The Cocharelli Codex*

Nicholas Coureas (Cyprus Research Centre, Cyprus), *Crossing Boundaries in Merchants' Wills: The Case of Fourteenth Century Cyprus*

### 15:30 Coffee Break

### 16:00 Concluding Remarks





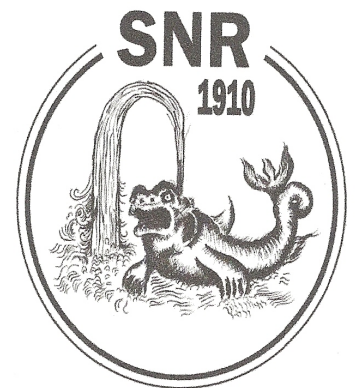
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