



International Online Workshop

# The Umayyads from West to East: New Perspectives

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Organised by:

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**15.00-15.10**

Opening words by **Isabel Toral** (Freie Universität Berlin) and **Antonia Bosanquet** (RomanIslam, Universität Hamburg)

**15.10-15.20**

Welcome speech by **Sabine Panzram** and **Stefan Heidemann** (Directors of RomanIslam, Universität Hamburg)

**15.20-16.00**

**Eduardo Manzano** (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid), *From the Hijāz to al-Andalus: The rawda of the Umayyad rulers in the Alcazar of Cordoba*

Moderator: **Stefan Heidemann**

**16.00-16.15**

Coffee break

**16.15-17.45**

**Panel 1: Imperial heritage and legitimization**

**Arietta Papaconstantinou** (University of Reading), *Reconfiguring Rome: Umayyad engagement with the imperial heritage*

**Jorge Elices** (Universidade Federal de São Paulo), *Between East and West: Objects of sovereignty and Umayyad discourses of Legitimation*

**Aurélien Montel** (Université Lyon), “*When the Umayyad caliphate fell, people of the Maghrib acted like the Andalusians*”. *Can the Maghrebi princes of the 11th century be considered as “party-kings”?*

Discussant: **Georg Leube** (Universität Bayreuth / Universität Hamburg)

**17.45-18.00**

Coffee break

**18.00-19.30**

**Panel 2: Ideology, legitimacy and rhetoric**

**Sebastian Bitsch** (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), *The Rhetoric of Caliphal Legitimacy. On the use of alqāb by the Umayyad rulers in East and West*

**Isabel Toral** (Freie Universität Berlin), ‘*Abd al-Rahmān al-Dākhil, the “Falcon of Quraysh”*’. *The chain of legitimacy between the Umayyads in East and West*

**Elsa Cardoso** (Universidade de Lisboa), ‘*Syria rises to receive the Caliph*’: *Umayyad legitimacy from Damascus to Cordoba*

Discussant: **Antoine Borrut** (University of Maryland)

**15.00-16.30**

**Panel 3: Rebellion, conflict and Islamication**

**Antonia Bosanquet** (RomanIslam, Universität Hamburg), *How the Umayyads lost the Maghrib: Presentations of the Berber revolt in Arab historical texts*

**Javier Albarrán** (RomanIslam, Universität Hamburg / Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), *The Battles of the Umayyads. Remembering War from West to East*

**Hannah-Lena Hagemann** (Universität Hamburg), *Talking about a Revolution – The Rhetoric of Rebellion against Umayyad rule*

Discussant: **Jens Scheiner** (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

**16.30-16.45**

Coffee break

**16.45-18.15**

**Panel 4: Cities and material culture**

**Eneko López** (Universidad del País Vasco), *An authority from Damascus or Baghdad? Origin and consolidation of the political conception of the Umayyad *tirāz* of Cordoba*

**Antonio Vallejo** (Conjunto Arqueológico Madinat al-Zahra, Córdoba), *Between East and West: the ceremonial center of the Umayyad Caliphate*

**Stefan Heidemann** (RomanIslam, Universität Hamburg), *The Umayyad Visual Language of Power*

Discussant: **Isabel Toral**

**18.15-18.30**

Coffee break

**18.30-19.10**

**Maribel Fierro** (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid), *Final remarks*

Moderator: **Sabine Panzram**

**19.10-19.20**

Closing words by **Javier Albarrán** and **Elsa Cardoso**

**The conference will be transmitted online via ZOOM and external participants are welcome. Please contact Laura Donath ([laura.donath@studium.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:laura.donath@studium.uni-hamburg.de)) by March 18/2021 to gain access to the link.**