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IN THE EARLY ISLAMIC PERIOD

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The Theory and Practice of Rebellion in the Early Islamicate World

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Thursday 22 September

09:15–09:45 Registration

09:45–10:00 Welcome

Panel 1: Contention and the State

Chair: Hannah-Lena Hagemann (Universität Hamburg)

10:00–10:45 Mehdy Shaddel (Universiteit Leiden), ‘How Does Civil War Impact State Formation? The Case of the Early Caliphate’

10:45–11:30 Alon Dar (Universität Hamburg), ‘“We Did Not Pull Our Hand from Obedience”: The Rebellion of the *jund* against al-Faql ibn Rawḥ ibn Ḥatīm al-Muhallabī (794 CE)’

11:30–11:45 Break

Panel 2: Questioning Labels

Chair: Jürgen Paul (Universität Hamburg)

11:45–12:30 Natalie Kontny-Wendt (Universität Hamburg), ‘Making a Rebel, an Imam, or a Bandit? – The Revolt of Yaḥyā b. Zayd b. ‘Alī (d. 125/743) in Khurāsān’

12:30–13:15 Hannah-Lena Hagemann (Universität Hamburg), ‘Poet, Scholar, Khārijite? Navigating Rebellion with ‘Imrān b. Ḥiṭṭān (d. 703 CE)’

13:15–14:30 Lunch

Panel 3: Landscapes

Chair: Maxim Romanov (Universität Hamburg)

14:30–15:15 Christian Sahrer (University of Oxford), ‘The Medieval Islamic World: A View from the Mountains. Conquest, Conversion, Revolt, and State Formation’

15:15–16:00 Walter Beers (University of Haifa), ‘Becoming “People of the Mountain”: Aristocratic Accumulation and the Ruralization of Anti-Chalcedonianism in Sixth-Century Northern Mesopotamia’

16:00–16:30 Break

16:30–17:15 Philip Grant (University of California, Irvine), ‘The Zanj Revolt (255–279 AH/869–883 CE) as Infrastructure: Fighting, Nature, Culture, and Agency’

18:30 Reception

Friday 23 September

Panel 4: Rebellious Discourses and Rhetoric

Chair: Hannah-Lena Hagemann (Universität Hamburg)

09:30–10:15 Marjan Asi (University of Edinburgh), ‘(Anti-)Rebellion Discourse in the Hadith Corpus: The Politics of Islamic Scholarly Giants’

10:15–11:00 Andrew Marsham (University of Cambridge), ‘“He Made All the Muslims’ Wealth that was Pleasant ... into Something for His Own Glory”: Pleasure, Wealth, and the Image of the Umayyads’

11:00–11:15 Break

Panel 5: Urbanism

Chair: Maxim Romanov (Universität Hamburg)

11:15–12:00 Yaacov Lev (Bar-Ilan University), ‘The “Urban Autonomy” Paradigm and Medieval Muslim Society’

12:00–12:45 Antonia Bosanquet (Universität Hamburg), ‘A Leader, an Army, a City, a People. Agents of Rebellion Against Aghlabid Rule in the 3rd/9th Century’

12:45–14:30 Lunch

Panel 6: Constituencies

Chair: Jürgen Paul (Universität Hamburg)

14:30–15:15 Alison Vacca (Columbia University), ‘The Rebels of Early Abbasid Albania’

15:15–16:00 Robert Haug (University of Cincinnati), ‘Arab Rebellion and Local Resistance: The Response among the People of Khurāsān and Transoxiana to the First and Second Fitnas and the “Rebellions” of ‘Abdallāh b. Khāzīm and his son Mūsā’

16:00–16:30 Break

16:30–17:15 Leone Pecorini (University of Edinburgh), ‘“When the Banū ‘Umayya Reach Thirty Men They Will Appropriate the Wealth of God, Seize the Servants of God, and Corrupt God’s Book”: A Generational Explanation of the Third Fitna (126–136/744–754)’

19:00 Conference Dinner

Saturday 24 September

Panel 7: *Khurūj* and Identity

Chair: Natalie Kontny-Wendt (Universität Hamburg)

09:30–10:15 Adam Gaiser (Florida State University) & Enki Baptiste (Université Lumière Lyon 2), ‘Early Ibādī Historiography: The Case of the Khawārij’

10:15–11:00 Najam Haider (Barnard College), ‘Making an Imam in the Shadow of Power: Zaydi Reconstructions of the Revolt of Ṣāḥib Fakhkh Ḥusayn b. ‘Alī (d. 169/786)’

11:00–11:15 Break

Panel 8: Taxation

Chair: Alon Dar (Universität Hamburg)

11:15–12:00 Marie Legendre (University of Edinburgh), ‘Revolts and Papyri: Everyday Administration and Elites in the Turbulent Long Eighth Century’

12:00–12:45 Alasdair Grant (Universität Hamburg), ‘Armenia, 774–5: A Tax Revolt?’

12:45–14:30 Lunch

Panel 9: Religion and/as Symbol

Chair: Alasdair Grant (Universität Hamburg)

14:30–15:15 Nimrod Hurvitz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), ‘Religion and Rebellion: Mobilizing a Following Through Religious Image-Building, the Cases of the Qaramita and Zanj’

15:15–16:00 Muhamed Riyaz Chenganakkattil (Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi), ‘Three Ka‘abas, Three Rebellions: Pilgrims, Rebels and Religiopolitical Imaginations in Early Islamic World’

16:00 Concluding Remarks

19:00 Informal Dinner