Inside and Out: Interactions between Rome and the Peoples on the Arabian and Egyptian Frontiers in Late Antiquity (200-800 CE)

Thursday, October 11 (Carleton University, 303 Paterson Hall)

16:00 tea & cookies
16:30 welcome and introduction by Prof. John Osborne, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University

Keynote address by Christian Robin (CNRS, Paris), ‘Les peuples au-delà de la frontière arabique de Byzance dans l’Antiquité tardive : découvertes épigraphiques récentes et derniers progrès’

18:00-18:30 reception offered by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton

18:30- speakers’ dinner, Arts Congress Room, 2017 Dunton Tower offered by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton
Friday, October 12 (University of Ottawa, Desmarais Hall, room 12110)

8:45-9:15  coffee and registration
9:15-9:30  opening remarks by Jitse Dijkstra

welcome by Prof. Antoni Lewkowicz, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa, and Dominique Côté, Chair of the Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa

Session I: Tribal Societies Facing States: An Anthropological Approach

9:30-10:00  Philip C. Salzman (McGill University) ‘The Meeting of the Twain: Tribe and State’
10:00-10:30 Stuart T. Smith (University of California at Santa Barbara), ‘Desert and River: Consumption and Colonial Entanglements in Roman and Late Antique Nubia’

10:30-11:00 coffee break

Session II: The Origins

11:00-11:30  Ariel S. Lewin (Università della Basilicata, Potenza), ‘Rome’s Relations with Arab/Indigenous People in the 1st-3rd Centuries CE’
11:30-12:00 Michael C.A. Macdonald (University of Oxford), ‘Romans Go Home’? Rome and Other “Outsiders” as Viewed from the Syro-Arabian Desert’

12:00-13:30 lunch break

Session II: The Origins (continued)

13:30-14:00  Hélène Cuvigny (CNRS, Paris), ‘Papyrological Evidence on “Barbarians” in the Eastern Desert of Egypt (End 1st Century-Mid 3rd Century CE)’
14:00-14:30 Helmut Satzinger (University of Vienna), ‘The Barbarian Names on the Ostraca from the Eastern Desert (3rd Century CE)’

14:30-15:00 tea break

Session III: The ‘Outside’ Sources

15:00-15:30  Conor Whately (University of Winnipeg), ‘Arabs, Outsiders, and Stereotypes from Ammianus Marcellinus to Theophylact Simokattes’
15:30-16:00 Hugh Elton (Trent University), ‘Writing the Histories of Romans and Arabs in the Late Roman East’
16:00-16:30 Geoffrey Greatrex (University of Ottawa), ‘Procopius and Roman Imperial Policy in the Arabian and Egyptian Frontier Zones’

Saturday, October 13 (University of Ottawa, Desmarais Hall, room 12110)

Session V: The ‘Inside’ Sources

9:00-9:30 Robert G. Hoyland (University of Oxford), ‘Arab Tribes and Arab Dynasties in the Service of the Empires of the Late Antique Middle East’
9:30-10:00 Jitse H.F. Dijkstra (University of Ottawa), ‘“I, Silko, Came to Talmis and Taphis”: Interactions between the Peoples beyond the Egyptian Frontier and Rome in Late Antiquity’

10:00-10:30 coffee break

Session V. ‘Barbarian’ Leadership: Middlemen between State and Tribe

10:30-11:00 Greg Fisher (Carleton University), ‘State and Tribe in Late Antique Arabia: A Comparative View’
11:00-11:30 Pierluigi Piovanelli (University of Ottawa), ‘The Kingdom of Aksum and Its Neighbours in the 4th Century’
11:30-12:00 Joost Hagen (University of Leipzig), ‘Letters to Leaders: Seven Documents from Qasr Ibrim’

12:00-13:30 Lunch

Session VI. Church Interactions: The Religious Dimension

13:30-14:00 Philip Wood (University of Cambridge), ‘Missionaries and Martyrs in a Time of War: Nestorians and Miaphysites among the Arabs, 560-640 CE’
14:00-14:30 George Bevan (Queen’s University), ‘The Chalcedonian and Miaphysite Interactions in Egypt, Nubia and beyond: Apocalyptic and the End of Roman Rule’

14:30-15:00 tea break

Session VII. The Aftermath: The Rise of Islam and a Christian Nubia

15:00-15:30 R. Stephen Humphreys (University of California at Santa Barbara), ‘Consolidating the Conquest: Arab-Muslim Rule in Syria and the Jazira, 630-775 CE’
15:30-16:00 David N. Edwards (University of Leicester), ‘Creating Christian Nubia – Processes and Events on the Egyptian Frontier’

16:00-16:15 Greg Fisher and Jitse Dijkstra, closing remarks
18:00 Welcome and introduction, Jitse Dijkstra and Greg Fisher

Public lecture, in collaboration with the Archaeological Institute of America, by Laïla Nehmé (CNRS, Paris), ‘Northwest Arabia after the Fall of the Nabataean Kingdom: New Insights Based on Epigraphic and Archaeological Material’, University of Ottawa, Desmarais Hall, room 12102

19:15-20:30 reception offered by the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia