

***Byzantium in Early Islamic Syria: Umayyad period (640-750) and
Byzantine reconquest period (969-1084)***

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Monday, 18th June 2007 American University of Beirut

Welcome address and general introductions 9.30-10.00

AUB Dean Khalil Bitar

Floréal Sanagustin (Director, IFPO)

(Axis I: Religion)

Session 1: 10.00-11.00

[Archimandrite Jack Khalil \(University of Balamand\)](#)

['A study of St John of Damascus' Biblical and linguistic approach in his treatise on icons'](#)

[Antoine Nawfal \(Lebanese University\)](#)

['L'église maronite et le monothélisme'](#)

Break: 11.00-11.30

Session 2: 11.30-1.00

[Fr. Bassam Nassif \(University of Balamand\)](#)

['Defending the faith using logic and pastoral argument: Theodore Abu Qurrah's innovation'](#)

[Frank Van der Velden \(Cairo, German Catholic Community\)](#)

['Christian-Muslim disputation in early Islam'](#)

Lunch 1.00-2.30

(Axis 2: Culture)

Session 1: 2.30-3.30

[Svetlana Lutchitskaya \(Moscow, Historical Institute\)](#)

['L'échange des lettres entre Umar II et Léon l'Isaurien'](#)

[Ramy Wannous \(University of Balamand\)](#)

['Translation activity at Antioch during the Byzantine reconquest period'](#)

Break: 3.30-4.00

Session 2: 4.00-5.00

[Nadia el-Cheikh \(American University of Beirut\)](#)

['The tenth-century Byzantine revival: the Muslim reaction'](#)

[Olga Bibikova \(Moscow, Oriental Studies Institute\)](#)

['Les sources russes sur les événements dans l'Orient chrétien entre la fin Xe et début XIIe siècles'](#)

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Session 3: 9.30-10.30

[André Binggeli \(Paris, CNRS\)](#)

[Hagiographie antiochienne à contre-courant, X-XIe siècles](#)

[Nada Helou \(Université Saint Joseph, Beirut\)](#)

[Destinée de l'art chrétien sous le Khalifat omeyyade: rupture ou continuité?](#)

Break 10.30-11.00

(Axis 3: Society)

Session 1: 11.00-12.30

[Fred Donner \(University of Chicago\)](#)

['Visions of the early Islamic expansion'](#)

[Antoine Borrut \(IFPO\)](#)

['Les Umayyades, Maslama et Constantinople'](#)

[Shaun O'Sullivan \(University of Balamand\)](#)

['After the Yarmuk: last stage of the Arab conquest in Syria'](#)

Lunch: 12.30-2.00

Session 2: 2.00-3.00

[Hugh Kennedy \(University of St Andrews\)](#)

['Was there an agricultural revolution in the early Islamic Fertile Crescent?'](#)

[Denis Gènequand \(University of Geneva\)](#)

['Du terrain militaire à la scène politique: Palmyre et la Palmyrène entre Antiquité tardive et haut Islam'](#)