



Sharing the Holy Land

Perceptions of Shared Sacred Space in the Medieval and Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean

The Warburg Institute, 12-13 June 2015

Keynote Speakers: Prof. Osama Hamdan (Al-Quds University, Jerusalem)
Prof. Bernard Hamilton (University of Nottingham)
Prof. Benjamin Z. Kedar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The symposium seeks to address how Western pilgrims and the indigenous Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Levantine populations perceived the sharing of religious shrines. In particular, scholars will look at how this sharing was described in contemporary accounts and influenced the knowledge of the other faiths. Aside from texts, also the archaeology and material culture of these shared places will be discussed. The symposium will focus on the period c.1100-1600, and address the changing political context in the Levant and its influence on the sharing of sacred space.

Registration: <http://warburg.sas.ac.uk/events/colloquia-2014-15/sharing-the-holy-land/>

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Programme

Wednesday 10 June

17.30-19.00: **Pre-Conference Public Lecture**

Hosted by the Centre for Palestine Studies and the Department of the History of Art and Archaeology of SOAS, University of London
Brunei Gallery, Room B 104
Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

Prof. Osama Hamdan (Al-Quds University, Jerusalem)
'Managing Palestinian Cultural Heritage Between Threats and Opportunities'

Chair: **Prof. Scott Redford (SOAS)**

Free event

Thursday 11 June

14.00-16.00: **Special Tour at the British Museum** (for conference participants)

'The Material Culture of Shared Sacred Space' ('Empires of Faith' Project)

Led by:

Dr Katherine Cross (British Museum and Wolfson College, Oxford), **Dr Georgi Parpulov** (British Museum), **Dr Nadia Ali** (British Museum and Khalili Research Centre, Oxford), **Robert Bracey** (British Museum)

http://www.britishmuseum.org/research/research_projects/all_current_projects/empires_of_faith.aspx

We meet at 13.45 in front of the entrance of the Warburg Institute (Woburn Square). Those coming straight to the Museum, please meet us at 14.00 on the first floor of the museum, up the stairs by the main (Great Russell St) entrance, on the landing by the statues (just outside Gallery 36).

18.30-19.30: Public Lecture / Keynote 1

Hosted by the Centre for the Study of Islam and the West (Queen Mary University of London)

David Sizer Lecture Theatre, Bancroft Building
Mile End Campus, QMUL (London, E1 4NS)

Prof. Benjamin Z. Kedar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
'The Various Meanings of "Shared Sacred Space"'

Chair: **Dr Thomas Asbridge** (Queen Mary University of London)

Free event. Please book your ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-lecture-the-various-meanings-of-shared-sacred-space-tickets-17014917075>

19.30-21.00: Reception

Friday 12 June

Conference venue: The Warburg Institute, London
Woburn Square (London WC1H 0AB)

10.00: Registration

Coffee/Tea
Common Room (Basement)

10.20: Welcome

Lecture Room (Ground Floor)
Dr Jan Loop (University of Kent)
Jan Vandeburie (Warburg Institute)

10.30-11.30: Keynote 2

Prof. Bernard Hamilton (University of Nottingham)
'The Mount Sinai Monastery: A Successful Example of Shared Holy Space'

Chair: **Dr Jan Loop** (University of Kent)

11:30-12.45: **Session 1 - Pilgrimage I**

a: **Phil Booth** (University of Lancaster) – 'Bathing in the Boundaries of the Holy Land: Latin Perspectives on Christian Devotion at the Jordan, c.1099-1291'

b: **Jan Vandeburie** (Warburg Institute) - 'Knowledge of the Other and Understanding Shared Sacred Space, c. 1150-1250'

c: **Dr Michele Campopiano** (University of York) – 'Islam and Muslims in Franciscan Descriptions of the Holy Land: The Role of the Convent of Mount Zion, c. 1330-1530'

Chair: **Prof. Andrew Jotischky** (University of Lancaster)

12.45-13.30: Lunch (Cold Buffet)

Common Room (Basement)

13.30-14.45: **Session 2 - Art & Material Culture**

a: **Prof. Lucy-Anne Hunt** (Manchester Metropolitan University) – 'From the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem to the Church of St Theodore at Behdaidat: Art, Politics and Communities in Sacred spaces in the Levant between the 12th-13th Centuries.'

b: **Dr Gil Fishhof** (Tel Aviv University) – 'The Western And Byzantine Elements of the Mural Cycle of the Church of the Resurrection at Abu Gosh: A Manifestation of a Shared Sacred Space'

c: **Dr Lisa Mahoney** (DePaul University) – 'Understanding Absence: The Church Façades of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem'

Chair: **Dr Antony Eastmond** (Courtauld Institute of Art)

14.45-16.00: **Session 3 – Non-Christian Perspectives**

a: **Dr Georg Leube** (Marburg University) - 'Permeability and Mutual Congruence as Categories in the Study of Shared Sacred Space: The Case of 12th/13th-Century Jazīra'

b: **Marci Freedman** (University of Manchester) – 'Mingling at the Sites: Shared Sacred Space in Benjamin of Tudela's *Book of Travels*'

c: **Dr Lucy Donkin** (University of Bristol) – 'Worth Their Weight in Gold: The Imprints at the Dome of the Rock between Islam and Christianity'

Chair: **Dr Konrad Hirschler** (SOAS)

16.00-16.30: Coffee/Tea

16.30-18.00: **Session 4 - Latins alongside Eastern Christians**

a: **Dr Camille Rouxpetel** (École Française de Rome) - 'Sharing the Holy Places, Unifying Christianity'

b: **Dr Beatrice Saletti** (Università degli Studi di Udine) – “*Ululant more luporum*”: Frankish Perceptions of Other Christians’ Liturgies in Churches of the Holy Land’

c: **James Hill** (University of Leeds) – 'Sharing New Rome: Papal Directives to Pera in Constantinople during the Fourteenth Century'

d: **Dr Yuri Stoyanov** (SOAS) - 'Sacralizing Landscapes and Sharing (and Crypto-Sharing) of Cultic Sites in Early Ottoman Pontic and Balkan Heterodox Settings'

Chair: **Dr Nickiphoros Tsougarakis** (Edge Hill University)

18.00-18.45: **Wine Reception**

19.00: **Conference Dinner**

TAS - Anatolian Turkish Restaurant

22 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3QJ

(c. £20-£25)

Saturday 13 June

10.00: **Registration**

Coffee/Tea

Common Room (Basement)

Book Sale by the Maghreb Bookshop, the Al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation and Manuscript Centre, and the Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée

10.30-11.30: **Keynote 3** (Lecture Room, Ground Floor)

Prof. Osama Hamdan (Al-Quds University, Jerusalem)

'Preserving the Memory of St. John the Baptist/Prophet Yahia's Tomb in Sabastiya by Christian and Muslim Communities'

Chair: **Dr Yuri Stoyanov** (SOAS)

11.30-12.30: **Session 5 – Sharing on the Islands**

a: **Dr Nickiphoros Tsougarakis** (Edge Hill University) - 'Sharing on the Way to the Holy Land: The Shrine of Our Lady of Cassiope on the Island of Corfu'

b: **Dr Anthony Luttrell** – ‘Shared Worship at Filerimos on Rhodes: 1306-1420’

Chair: **Prof. Andrew Jotischky** (University of Lancaster)

12.30-13.15: Lunch (Cold Buffet)

13.15-14.30: **Session 6 - Pilgrimage II**

a: **Dr Giuseppe Perta** (Medalics - Università per Stranieri Dante Alighieri di Reggio Calabria) - '*Illa famosa granaria*. The Pyramids in the Eyes of the Western Pilgrims'

b: **Prof. Anthony Bale** (Birkbeck College, Univ. of London) – ‘Mount Joy: Pilgrimage and Emotional Landscape in Late Medieval Palestine’

c: **Alexia Lagast** (University of Antwerp) – ‘Sharing Sacred Space in Late Fifteenth-Century Travel Narratives’

Chair: **Dr Nickiphoros Tsougarakis** (Edge Hill University)

14.30-15.30: **Session 7 - Sharing Space and the Crusades**

a: **Dr Nicholas Morton** (Nottingham Trent University) – ‘Did the First Crusade Initiate a “Clash of Civilizations” between Christianity and Islam?’

b: **Dr Alan V. Murray** (University of Leeds) – ‘The Distribution of Religious Communities in the City of Jerusalem Under Frankish Rule, 1099-1187’

Chair: **Prof. Benjamin Z. Kedar** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

15.30-15.45: Coffee/Tea

15.45-16.45: **Session 8 - Sharing Texts and Libraries**

a: **Dr Julian Yolles** (Harvard University) – ‘Vespasian's Sword and Crown: Reading Josephus in the Latin East’

b: **Alessandro Tedesco** (Catholic University of Milan) – ‘The *Itinera ad Loca Sancta* Collection in the Franciscan Libraries in Jerusalem’

Chair: **Jan Vandeburie** (Warburg Institute)

16.45-17.30:

Prof. Dionigi Albera (Institut d'Ethnologie Méditerranéenne, Européenne et Comparative, CNRS-Aix-Marseille University)

'Bringing Sacred Shared Places into a Museum: The “Lieux Saints Partagés” exhibition at the Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée (Marseille)'

<http://www.mucem.org/fr/exposition/3442>

Closing remarks: **Dr Glenn Bowman** (University of Kent)

'Modern Perspectives on Sharing the Sacred in the Middle Ages'

17.30: Conference ends

Optional post-conference drinks & dinner

Location TBC



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ATTENDANCE LIST

Name	Institution	Role
Ilya Afanasyev	University of Oxford	Attendee
Marianne Ailes	University of Bristol	Attendee
Dionigi Albera	Institut d'Ethnologie Méditerranéenne, Européenne et Comparative, CNRS-Aix- Marseille University	Speaker
Nadia Ali	British Museum and Khalili Research Centre, Oxford	BM Guide
Andrew Hanley	Independent scholar	Attendee
Luis Arciniega	Independent scholar	Attendee
Thomas Asbridge	Queen Mary University of London	Chair
Anthony Bale	Birkbeck College, Univ. of London	Speaker
Mohamed Ben-Madani	The Maghreb Review	Attendee
Betty Binysh	Cardiff University	Attendee
Phil Booth	University of Lancaster	Speaker
Glenn Bowman	University of Kent	Speaker
Robert Bracey	British Museum	BM Guide
Andrew Buck	Queen Mary University of London	QM Organiser
Michele Campopiano	University of York	Speaker
Rita Copeland	University of Pennsylvania	Attendee
Katherine Cross	British Museum and Wolfson College, Oxford	BM Guide
Jillian Curr	University of Western Australia	Attendee
Lucy Donkin	University of Bristol	Speaker
Antony Eastmond	Courtauld Institute of Art	Chair
Gil Fishhof	Tel Aviv University	Speaker
Marci Freedman	University of Manchester	Speaker
Paula Hailstone	Royal Holloway	Attendee
Osama Hamdan	Al-Quds University, Jerusalem	Speaker
Jill Hamilton	School of Oriental and African Studies	Attendee
Bernard Hamilton	University of Nottingham	Speaker
James Hill	University of Leeds	Speaker
Konrad Hirschler	School of Oriental and African Studies	Chair
Tessa Hosking	Independent scholar	Attendee
Catherine Hundley	Warburg Institute	Attendee
Lucy-Anne Hunt	Manchester Metropolitan University	Speaker
Erin Jemczyk	Queen's University	Attendee
Nicola Jennings	Courtauld Institute	Attendee
Andrew Jotischky	University of Lancaster	Chair
Laura Kalkbrenner	University of Kent	Attendee

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Benjamin Z. Kedar	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Speaker
Jens Kreinath	Wichita State University	Attendee
Alexia Lagast	University of Antwerp	Speaker
Georg Leube	Marburg University	Speaker
Jan Loop	University of Kent	Organiser/Chair
Anthony Luttrell		Speaker
Lisa Mahoney	DePaul University	Speaker
Marina Montesano	University of Messina	Attendee
Rupert Morris	Independent scholar	Attendee
Nicholas Morton	Nottingham Trent University	Speaker
Lauren Mulholland	Queen Mary University of London	Attendee
Alan V. Murray	University of Leeds	Speaker
Tom Nickson	Courtauld Institute	Attendee
Valerie Nunn	Birkbeck, University of London	Attendee
Tassos Papacostas	King's College London	Attendee
Georgi Parpulov	British Museum	BM Guide
Giuseppe Perta	Medalics - Università per Stranieri Dante Alighieri di Reggio Calabria	Speaker
William Purkis	University of Birmingham	Attendee
Jessica Anne Rahardjo	School of Oriental and African Studies	Attendee
Scott Redford	SOAS	Chair
Marina Rousseau	Warburg Institute	Attendee
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Camille Rouxpetel	École Française de Rome	Speaker
Beatrice Saletti	Università degli Studi di Udine	Speaker
Talitha Schepers	Folklore Society	Attendee
Barrie Singleton	Independent scholar	Attendee
Bogdan Smarandache	Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto	Attendee
Yuri Stoyanov	SOAS	Speaker/Chair
Jessica Tearney-Pearce	Independent scholar	Attendee
Alessandro Tedesco	Catholic University of Milan	Speaker
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Lucas Villegas-Aristizábal	Richmond The American International University	Attendee
Rose Walker	Courtauld Institute	Attendee
James Wilson	Queen Mary University of London	Attendee
Julian Yolles	Harvard University	Speaker