

## Cultural Influences und Borrowing in Contexts of Religious Hostility between Christians and Muslims

Medieval and early modern population groups adhering to different belief-systems interacted in seemingly self-contradictory ways. Hostility and warfare justified by references to religion, as well as influences and cultural borrowing characterized their coexistence. This workshop will bring together these two themes in order to investigate more closely how groups could influence each other when these groups were envisaged in terms of religious hostility, and how mechanisms of cultural borrowing were able to function during periods of explicitly formulated religious warfare. The papers will focus on zones where interreligious warfare continued for centuries: the Iberian Peninsula, crusader territories in the East, and areas of Ottoman expansion. Analyzing examples from the terminology of polemics to architecture, from food to everyday objects, the workshop will explore the seemingly self-contradictory stance of openness to cultural influences from one's enemies.

### Tuesday, 25 February 2014

- 9:15 **Welcome**  
Nora Berend (University of Cambridge, currently KHK Fellow)
- Morning Session  
Chair: Alexandra Cuffel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 9:30 **When Christian Polemic 'Borrows' from Islamic ḥadīths: The Use of the Word 'alkaufeit' in Albarus of Cordoba's Indiculus luminosus (9th c.)**  
Ulisse Cecini (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 10:15 **Social and Cultural Identity on the Menu in the Kingdom of Jerusalem**  
Judith Bronstein (University of Haifa and Oranim College)
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 **Misfits and Saviours in the East: Holy and Unholy Means and Men of War after the Fall of Constantinople**  
Alexandru Simon (Romanian Academy's Center for Transylvanian Studies, Cluj-Napoca)
- 12:15 **Borrowing Djem, King Matthias Explains his Strategy to Papal Legates**  
Antonín Kalous (Palacký University, Olomouc)

13:00 Lunch

### Afternoon Session

Chair: Nora Berend (University of Cambridge, currently KHK Fellow)

- 14:30 **Preparing the Crusade: Juan de Torquemada's Polemics against Islam**  
Reinhold Gleis (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 15:15 **The Medici and the Druze: A Curious Anti-Ottoman Alliance**  
Adam Knobler (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 **Social Interactions and Material Culture During the Ottoman Period in Early Modern Hungary (16–17th Centuries)**  
József Laszlovszky (Central European University Budapest)
- 17:15 **Current Developments in the Historiography of Ottoman-'European' Relations**  
Markus Koller (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- 18:00 Debate

### Wednesday, 26 February 2014

### Final Session

Chair: Alexandra Cuffel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

- 9:30 **L'absorption silencieuse des indigènes andalous et de leur culture dans le Portugal de la Reconquête**  
Stéphane Boissellier (Université de Poitiers)
- 10:15 **New Mosques in Borrowed Christian Houses: Negotiation of Space in the Context of Muslim Subject Populations**  
Ana Echevarría (UNED, Madrid)
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 **Iberia Entwined: Christians, Muslims and the Politics of Sex in the Middle Ages**  
Simon Barton (University of Exeter)
- 12:15 **Creating Islands of Interfaith Trust in a Sea at War**  
Amy Remensnyder (Brown University)
- 13:00 Lunch

## DIRECTIONS

### Public Transportation:

Take the U35 towards Bochum Querenburg (Hustadt) from Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) and get off at the stop »Ruhr-Universität«. From there you turn right and cross the pedestrian bridge keeping left while you pass the university library. The FNO building is on your left-hand side.

### By Car:

The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs "Ruhr-Universität" and then the (electronic) information boards.



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