

THURSDAY, 21 February 2019  
Theatersaal der ÖAW, Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1010 Wien

9<sup>15</sup> **Welcome**  
Michael ALRAM *Vice President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences*

The VISCOM Experience

9<sup>30</sup>-10<sup>15</sup> **Visions of Community: The Project and its Methodological Implications**  
Walter POHL *Project Speaker* & Andre GINGRICH *Deputy Project Speaker*

**Experiences in Comparative and Interdisciplinary Research**  
Chair: Konrad PETROVSZKY

10<sup>15</sup>-11<sup>00</sup> **Late Medieval Central Europe: Urban Communities by Comparison.**  
Comments on a VISCOM Work in Progress  
Christina LUTTER & Károly GODA

**New Impulses from Late Medieval Dalmatia: Addressing Community in Social Practice, and its Relevance for Comparing Society, Statehood and Religion in Interdisciplinary Contexts**  
Oliver SCHMITT & Fabian KÜMMELER

11<sup>00</sup>-11<sup>30</sup> COFFEE

Chair: Christina LUTTER

11<sup>30</sup>-13<sup>00</sup> **New Insights for Yemen's Islamic History, and their Relevance for VISCOM's Comparative Agenda**  
Andre GINGRICH & Odile KOMMER

**Early Medieval Europe in a Global Context: Ethnicity and Religion**  
Walter POHL & Reinier LANGELAAR

**The Religious within Religion: Spiritual Communities across Medieval Eurasia**  
Birgit KELLNER & Rutger KRAMER

13<sup>00</sup>-14<sup>00</sup> LUNCH

Comparing Comparative Experiences I

**Large Collaborative Projects**  
Chair: Magdalena MOORTHY-KLOSS

14<sup>00</sup>-16<sup>00</sup> **Asia and Europe in a Global Context: The Heidelberg Cluster of Excellence**  
Monica JUNEJA, *Heidelberg*

**Eurasian Empires: Integration Processes and Identity Formations (NWO Project)**  
Jeroen DUINDAM, *Leiden*

16<sup>00</sup>-16<sup>30</sup> COFFEE

Chair: Károly GODA

16<sup>30</sup>-17<sup>30</sup> **Power and Institutions in Medieval Islam and Christendom (PIMIC)**  
& future project of Eduardo Manzano, *Identifying the Blocks that Build Global History in the Middle Ages (Global Professorship, University of St. Andrews/CSIC)*  
Ana RODRIGUEZ & Eduardo MANZANO, *Madrid*

FRIDAY, 22 February 2019  
Sky Lounge (Universität Wien), Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Wien

9<sup>45</sup> **Welcome**  
Heinz ENGL *Rector of the University of Vienna*  
Artemis VAKIANIS *Vice President of the FWF*

Comparing Comparative Experiences II

**Research Networks and Large Grants**  
Chair: Max DIESENBERGER

10<sup>00</sup>-12<sup>00</sup> **Defining the Global Middle Ages (AHRC Networking Grant)**  
Naomi STANDEN, *Birmingham*

**The Legal Status of Religious Minorities in the Euro-Mediterranean World, 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Centuries (RELMIN)**  
& ERC Synergy Grant: *The European Qur'an: Islamic Scripture in European Culture and Religion*  
John TOLAN, *Nantes*

12<sup>00</sup>-13<sup>00</sup> LUNCH

Global Comparison – Methodological and Contextual Problems, and How to Deal with them

**Introductory Papers**  
Chair: Gerda HEYDEMANN

13<sup>00</sup>-14<sup>30</sup> **Models and Comparison** • Chris WICKHAM, *Oxford*  
**Global Byzantium** • Leslie BRUBAKER, *Birmingham*  
**Adventures in Synthesis** • Robert MOORE, *Newcastle*

14<sup>30</sup>-15<sup>00</sup> COFFEE

Panel : **Large Projects in the Global Middle Ages – Chances and Problems**  
Chair: Oliver SCHMITT

15<sup>00</sup>-16<sup>45</sup> *Introductory Statement:* Conrad LEYSER, *Oxford*  
*Junior Perspectives:* Dan MAHONEY; Gerda HEYDEMANN;  
Veronika WIESER; Kateřina HORNÍČKOVÁ  
*Senior Views:* John TOLAN; Eduardo MANZANO;  
Monica JUNEJA; Ana RODRIGUEZ  
*Concluding Statement:* Naomi STANDEN

16<sup>45</sup>-17<sup>00</sup> BREAK

Chair: Walter POHL

17<sup>00</sup>-18<sup>00</sup> **After VISCOM – Where do we go from here?**  
Andre GINGRICH; Birgit KELLNER; Christina LUTTER; Oliver SCHMITT  
*Concluding Statement:* Walter POHL

