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

9.15 Welcome
Michael ALRAM Vice President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

The VISCOM Experience

9.15-10.00 Visions of Community: The Project and its Methodological Implications
Walter POHL Project Speaker & Andre GINGRICHT Deputy Project Speaker

Chair: Konrad PETROVSZKY

10.00-11.00 Experiences in Comparative and Interdisciplinary Research
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

11.00-11.30 COFFEE

11.30-13.00 Comparing Comparative Experiences I
New Insights for Yemen’s Islamic History, and their Relevance for VISCOM’s Comparative Agenda
Andre GINGRICHT & 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

13.00-14.00 LUNCH

14.00-16.00 Asia and Europe in a Global Context: The Heidelberg Cluster of Excellence
Monica JUNEJA, Heidelberg

Eurasian Empires: Integration Processes and Identity Formations
(JNO Project)
Jeroen DUINJAM, Leiden

16.00-16.30 COFFEE

16.30-17.00 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

9.00 Welcome
Heinz ENGL Rector of the University of Vienna
Artemis VARIANIS Vice President of the FWF

Comparing Comparative Experiences II

9.00 Research Networks and Large Grants
Chair: Max DIESENBERGER

Defining the Global Middle Ages (AHRC Networking Grant)
Naomi STANDEN, Birmingham

The Legal Status of Religious Minorities in the Euro-Mediterranean World, 5th-15th Centuries (RELMAIN)
& ERC Synergy Grant: The European Qur’an: Islamic Scripture in European Culture and Religion
John TOLAN, Nantes

12.00-13.00 LUNCH

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

13.00-14.00 Introductory Papers
Chair: Gerda HEYDEMANN

Models and Comparison • Chris WICKHAM, Oxford
Global Byzantium • Leslie BRUBAKER, Birmingham
Adventures in Synthesis • Robert MOORE, Newcastle

14.45-15.00 COFFEE

15.00-16.00 Panel: Large Projects in the Global Middle Ages – Chances and Problems
Chair: Oliver SCHMITT

Introductory Statement: Conrad LEYSER, Oxford

Junior Perspectives: Dan MAHONEY; Gerda HEYDEMANN; Veronika WIESER; Katerina HORNÍČKOVÁ

Senior Views: John TOLAN; Eduardo MANZANO; Monica JUNEJA; Ana RODRIGUEZ

Concluding Statement: Naomi STANDEN

16.45-17.00 BREAK

17.00-18.00 After VISCOM – Where do we go from here?
Andre GINGRICHT; Birgit KELLNER; Christina LUTTER; Oliver SCHMITT

Concluding Statement: Walter POHL