

workshop programme

Misgav Har Peled (Paris)

Running at Twilight: Time and Space in the Talmudic Construction of Sabbath



12.30 – 14.00

LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30

Session V

RITUALS AND SACRED TIME

Youval Rotman (Tel Aviv)

Sacred Time and Piety: Controlling Nature in Late Antique Judaism

Daniella Talmon-Heller (Beer Sheva)

Rites of Rajab: Private and Communal Islamic Devotions During a Sacred Month

15.30 – 16:00

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

18.00

PUBLIC LECTURE

Johannes Gutenberg-Universität,
Georg Forster-Gebäude

Divna Manolova (Edinburgh)

*Redefining Exactness
in Late Byzantine
Astronomy*



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Venue

Monday 11th July

Johannes Gutenberg-Universität

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Jakob-Welder-Weg 9

55128 Mainz

Tuesday 12th July

Römisch-Germanisches

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Archäologie

(im Kurfürstlichen Schloss)

Ernst-Ludwig-Platz 2

55116 Mainz

Public lecture

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SACRED TIME in Medieval Societies of the Middle East



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Workshop organized by Johannes Pahlitzsch,

Youval Rotman, Daniella Talmon-Heller

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THINKING ABOUT

SACRED TIME

IN MEDIEVAL SOCIETIES
OF THE MIDDLE EAST

This workshop will explore notions of sacred time by comparing cases within the different religions and cultures of the pre-modern Middle East.

The idea that time is not homogenous – that some moments, days, or months are more privileged than others, and the sanctification of such times by special rites – seems to be a universal cultural phenomenon. Yet, the construction of time as sacred, the choice of the specific time units to set apart, and the means by which these are distinguished from profane time, are diverse and dynamic, and should be studied within their historical-cultural contexts.

Hence we wish to investigate the different meanings assigned to privileged time, and practices marking sacred time, in the late antique and medieval Middle East. Special focus will be given to the conceptualization of sacred time in theological, legal and devotional works, and to debates and questions pertaining to the sanctity of specific times. We would like to address the following questions: How could we conceptualize and identify the notion of sacred time in medieval societies? How was the notion of sacred time constructed in specific historical and cultural contexts? Which needs, of both individuals and communities, call for defining sacred time? What functions did it fill, and in what ways?

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Opening Session

13.00 – 15.00

Session I LITURGY AND SACRED TIME

Johannes Pahlitzsch (Mainz)
Introduction

Zachary Chitwood (Berlin)
The Rhythms of Eternal Life: Sacred Time and Liturgical Commemoration in the Byzantine World.

Ophir Münz-Manor
(Open University of Israel)
The Early Byzantine Jewish Liturgical Calendar according to a Liturgical Poem by Elazar birabi Qilir (7th Century).



15.00 – 15.30
COFFEE BREAK

15.30 – 17.30

Session II SACRED TIME AND INTER-COMMUNAL RELATIONS

Yehoshua Frenkel (Haifa)
Time and Social Boundaries: the Hanbalites of Damascus on Joint Events and the Call for Separation.

Myriam Wyssa (London)
The Coptic New Year and the Era of the Martyrs: A Celebration for All in Medieval Islamic Egypt.

Martin Lüstraeten (Mainz)
Commemorating Conflict. Neo-martyrs in the Tradition of the Melkite Synaxarion and the Arabic Typikon.

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Vortragssaal

9.00 – 10.30

Session III MYSTICISM AND SACRED TIME

Pavel Basharin (Moscow)
The Problem of Time in Early Sufism

Ronit Meroz (Tel Aviv)
The Plasticity and Permeability of Messianic Time in the Kabbalah



10.30 – 11.00
COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30

Session IV TIME, SPACE, MEMORY

Thomas Pott (Rome)
Creation, Memory and Reform.

